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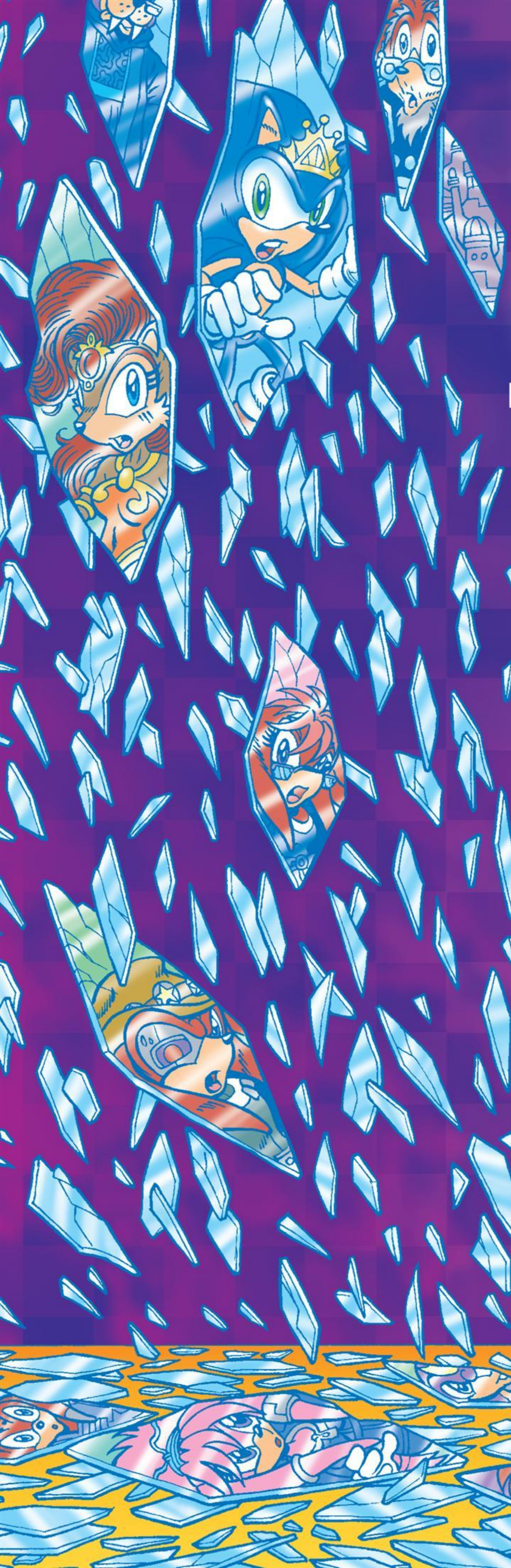
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AS KNUCKLES PREPARES TO MEET UP WITH KING SONIC ON A MISSION OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE FUTURE SURVIVAL OF MOBIUS AND ALL ITS INHABITANTS, THERE IS STILL A PERSONAL DETAIL OR TWO YET TO BE DEALT WITH...

--AND I'VE
DISCOVERED
HOW
WRONG I'VE
BEEN!

WHAT I
THOUGHT
WAS
RIGHT,
WELL...I WAS
JUST
REPEATING
PAST
MISTAKES--

--SO I'VE
RECON-
SIDERED
YOUR
REQUEST!

YOU
MEAN--

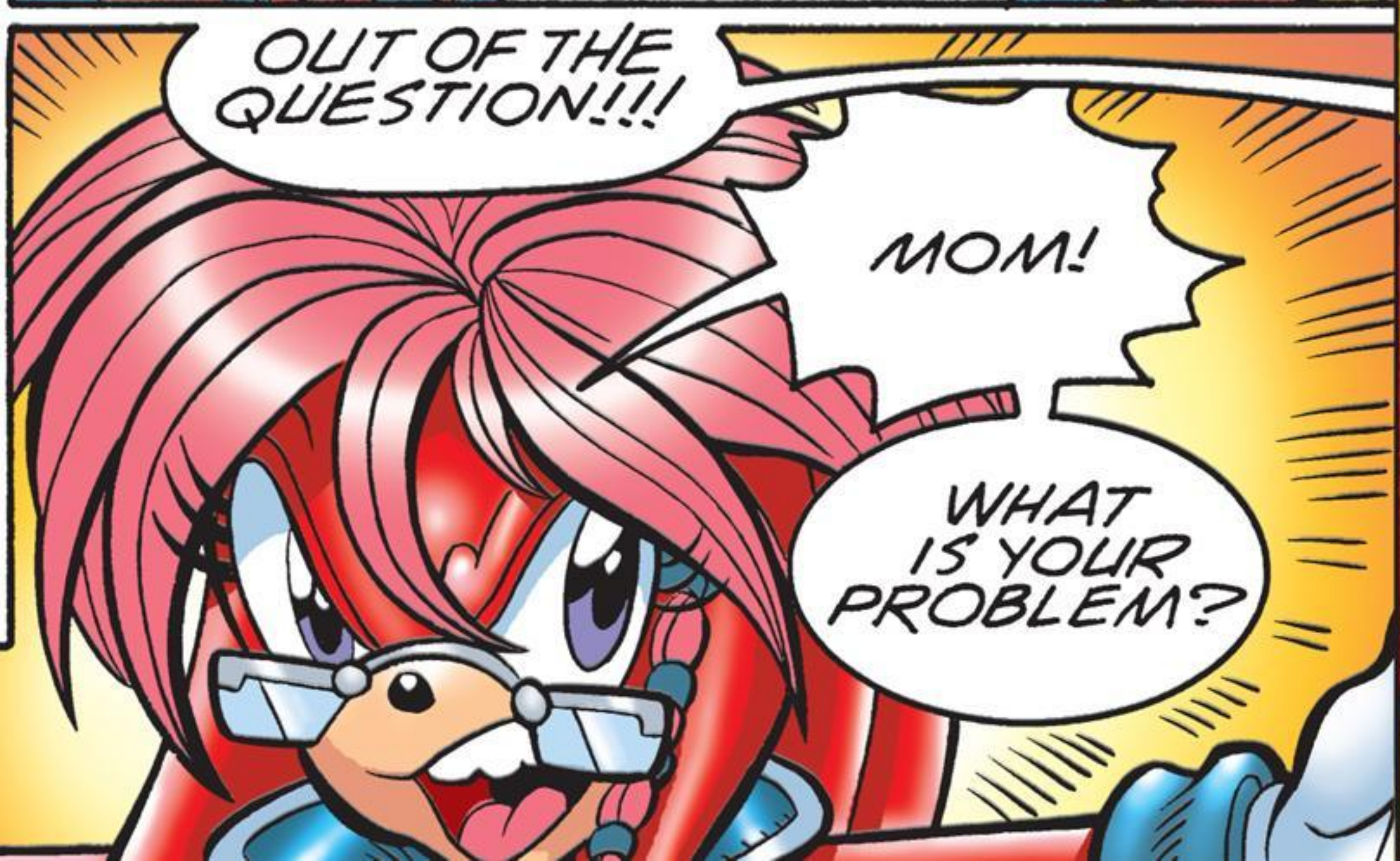
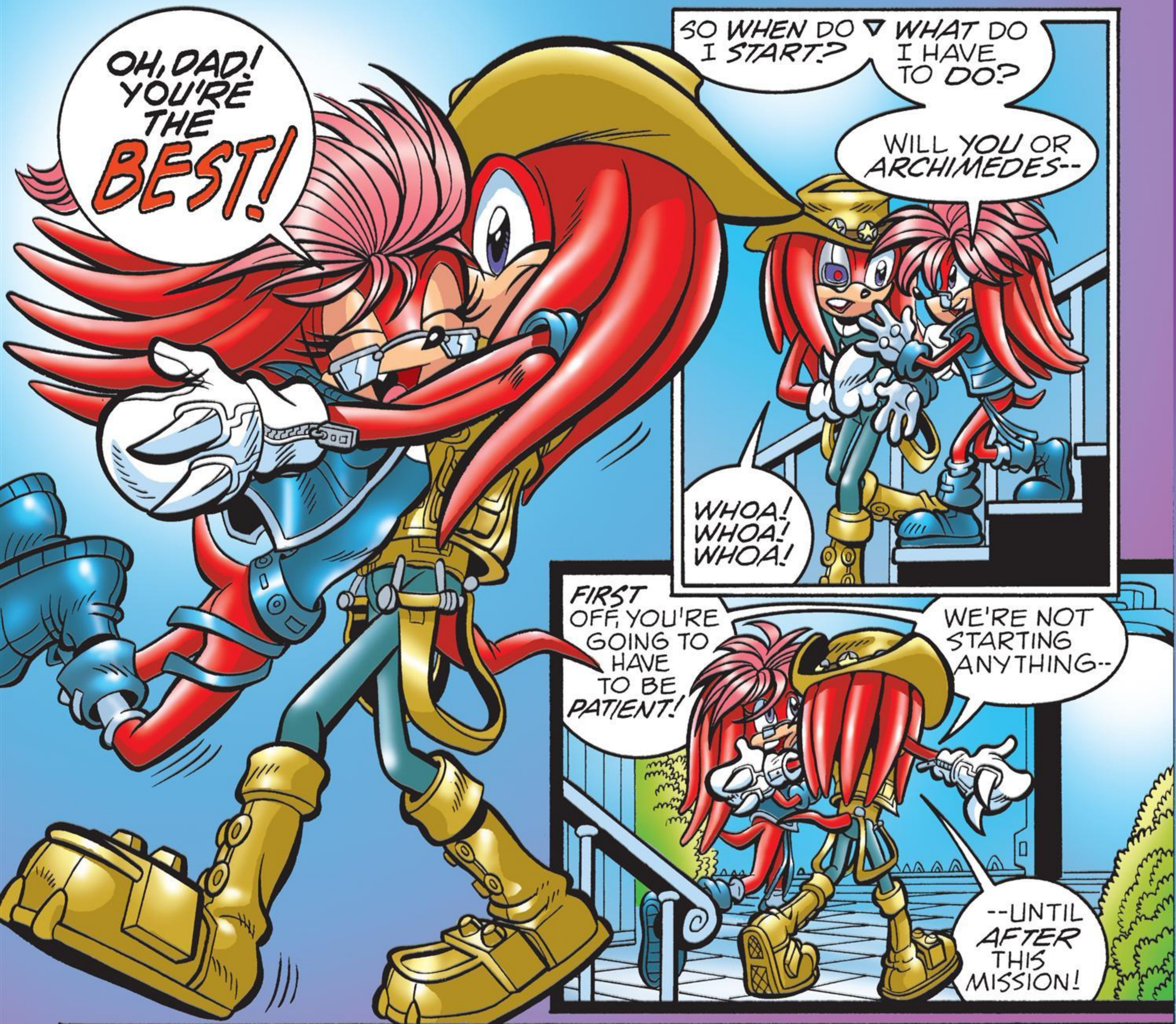
YOU'RE
GOING TO
BE THE NEXT
GUARDIAN!

MOM
SAID YOU
WANTED TO
SEE ME,
DAD?

YEAH,
LARA-
SU!

SINCE
VISITING YOUR
GRANDFATHER
--WHOM I
WILL ALWAYS
REGRET
YOU NEVER
MET--

--I'VE
BEEN
DOING
SOME
SERIOUS
THINKING
THE PAST
SEVERAL
HOURS--



YOUR FATHER
DIDN'T SAY
ANYTHING
ABOUT NOT
COMING
BACK!

SO I LEFT
OUT A FEW
DETAILS!

NOTHING
IMPORTANT!

WHAT *ELSE*
WASN'T SAID
'CAUSE YOU
DIDN'T
THINK IT
IMPORTANT?

OH, YOU
MEAN *BESIDES*
THE FACT THAT
I LOVE YOU--

--AND WANT NOTHING
MORE THAN TO SEE
YOU AND LARA-SU
ONCE AGAIN?

YOU
BETTER
GET
GOING!

SONIC'S
WAITING
FOR YOU!

HE
HASN'T
LEFT
YET?

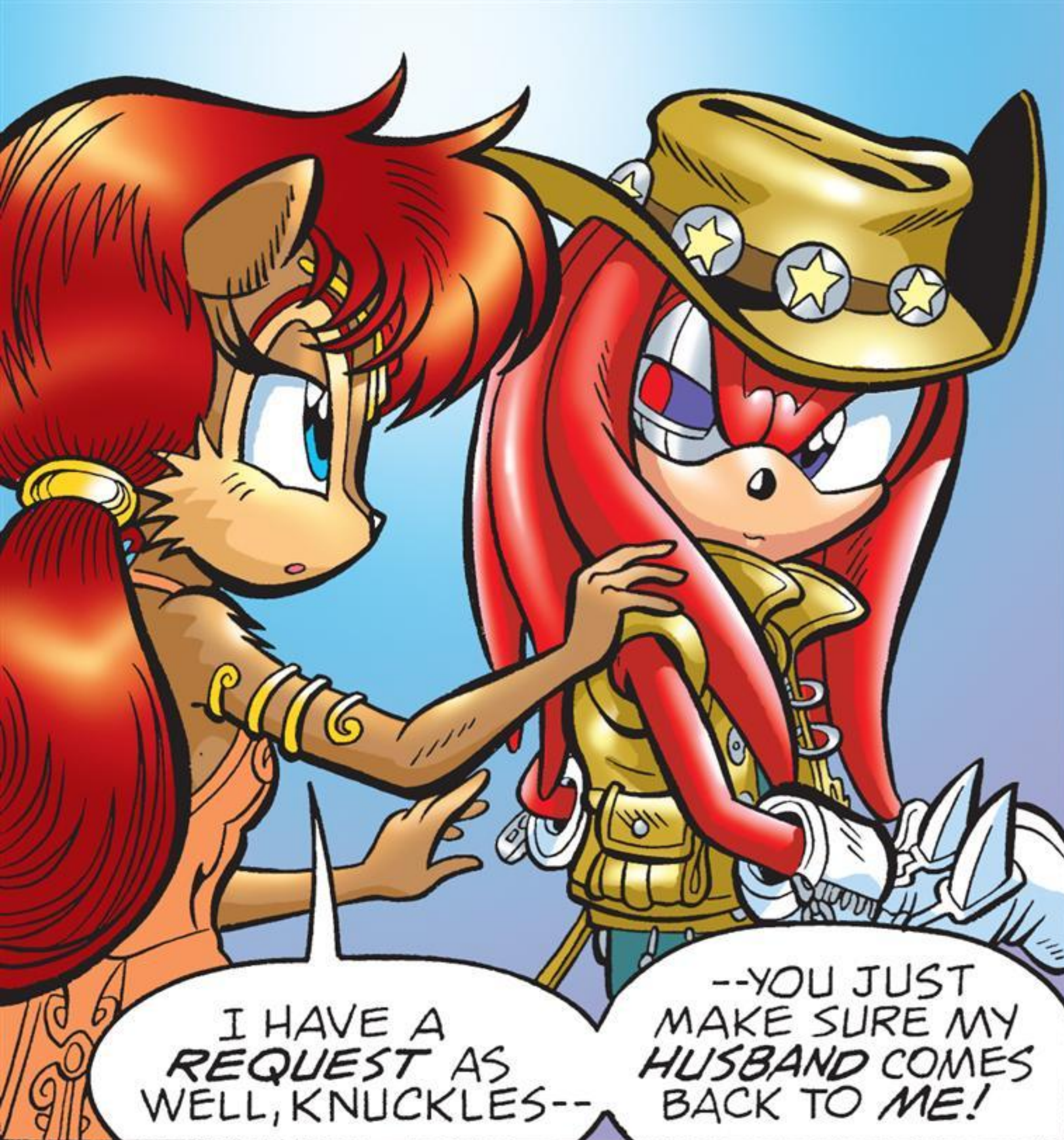
HAVEN'T YOU
CHECKED
OUTSIDE?

THE WEATHER'S
GOTTEN CONSIDERABLY
WORSE EVER SINCE
YOU GOT **BACK!**

HARRY'S
OUT FRONT,
WAITING TO
TAKE YOU
TO THE
SHUTTLE-
PORT!

YOU
THINK OF EVERY-
THING,
DON'T YOU?





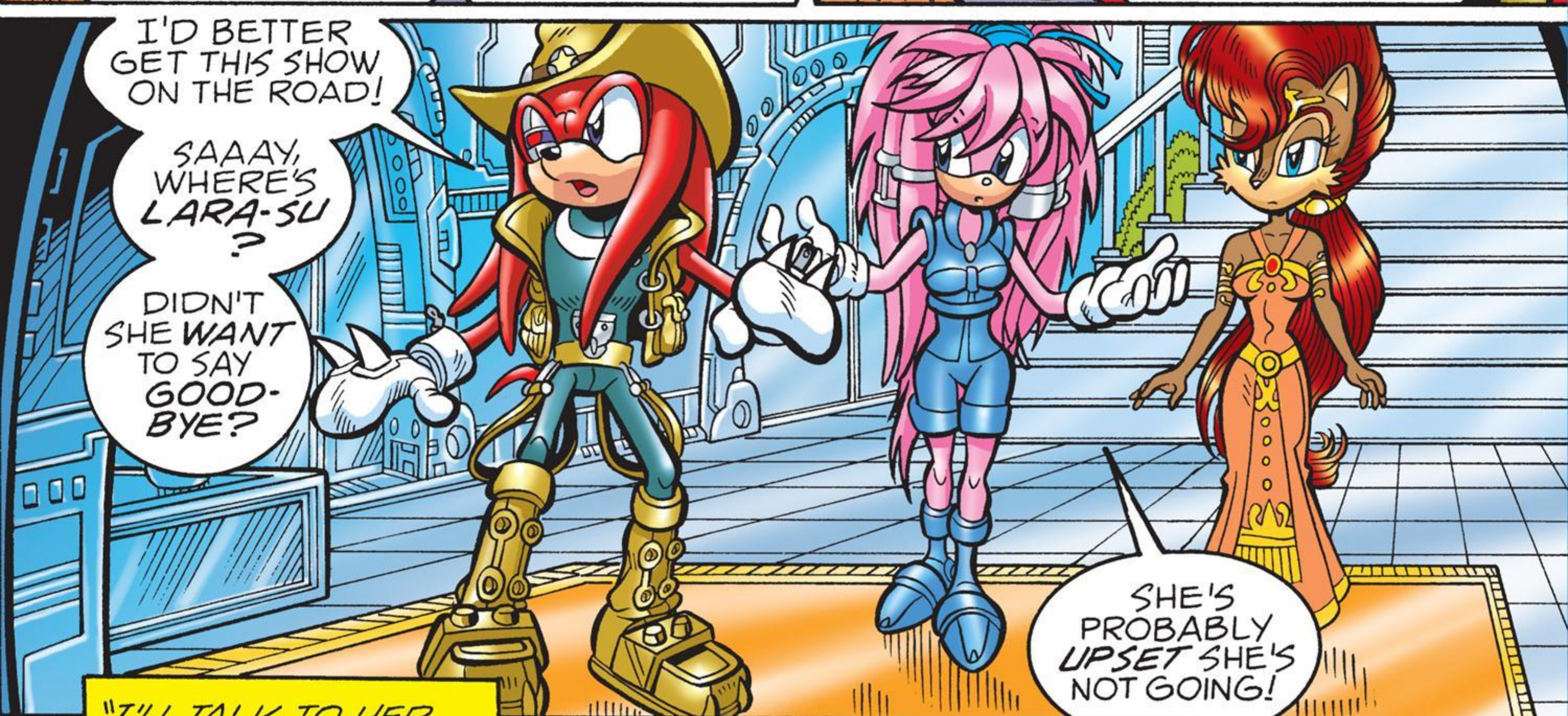
I HAVE A REQUEST AS WELL, KNUCKLES--

--YOU JUST MAKE SURE MY HUSBAND COMES BACK TO ME!



IT'S AGAINST MY BETTER JUDGEMENT, SAL--

--BUT I'LL LOOK OUT FOR HIM!



I'D BETTER GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD!

SAAAY, WHERE'S LARA-SU?

DIDN'T SHE WANT TO SAY GOOD-BYE?

SHE'S PROBABLY UPSET SHE'S NOT GOING!

"I'LL TALK TO HER AFTER YOU LEAVE..."



WHY ANY BLOKE WOULD RISK HIS KNICKERS IN THIS MESS IS BEYOND ME!



I COULD ASK YOU THE SAME, HARRY!

THE EXTRA QUID IS ALWAYS APPRECIATED, MATE!

BUT YOU--



--WHAT'S THE PERCENTAGE IN WHAT YOU DO?

WHEN I FIGURE IT OUT, I'LL LET YOU KNOW!

PULL IN THROUGH THERE!

YOU THINK
THIS STORM IS AN
ABERRATION--

--OR
A *SIGN*
OF THINGS
GETTING
MUCH
WORSE?

IT'S *DIFFICULT*
TO SAY JUST YET,
KING SONIC!

WE SIMPLY DON'T
KNOW ENOUGH ABOUT
THE STORM'S *NATURE*
TO PROVIDE AN...
ACCURATE PROG-
NOSTICATION.

HUH?

IN LAYMAN'S
TERMS, GUARDIAN,
WE CAN'T *PREDICT*
THE FUTURE
IN REGARD TO
SPECIFICS, ONLY
GENERALITIES!

ARE THE
FUNKY
DAY-GLO
COLORS
PART OF
THE
SHOW?

I HAVEN'T SEEN
WILD *SCENERY*
SINCE I FOUGHT
ROBOTNIK IN--

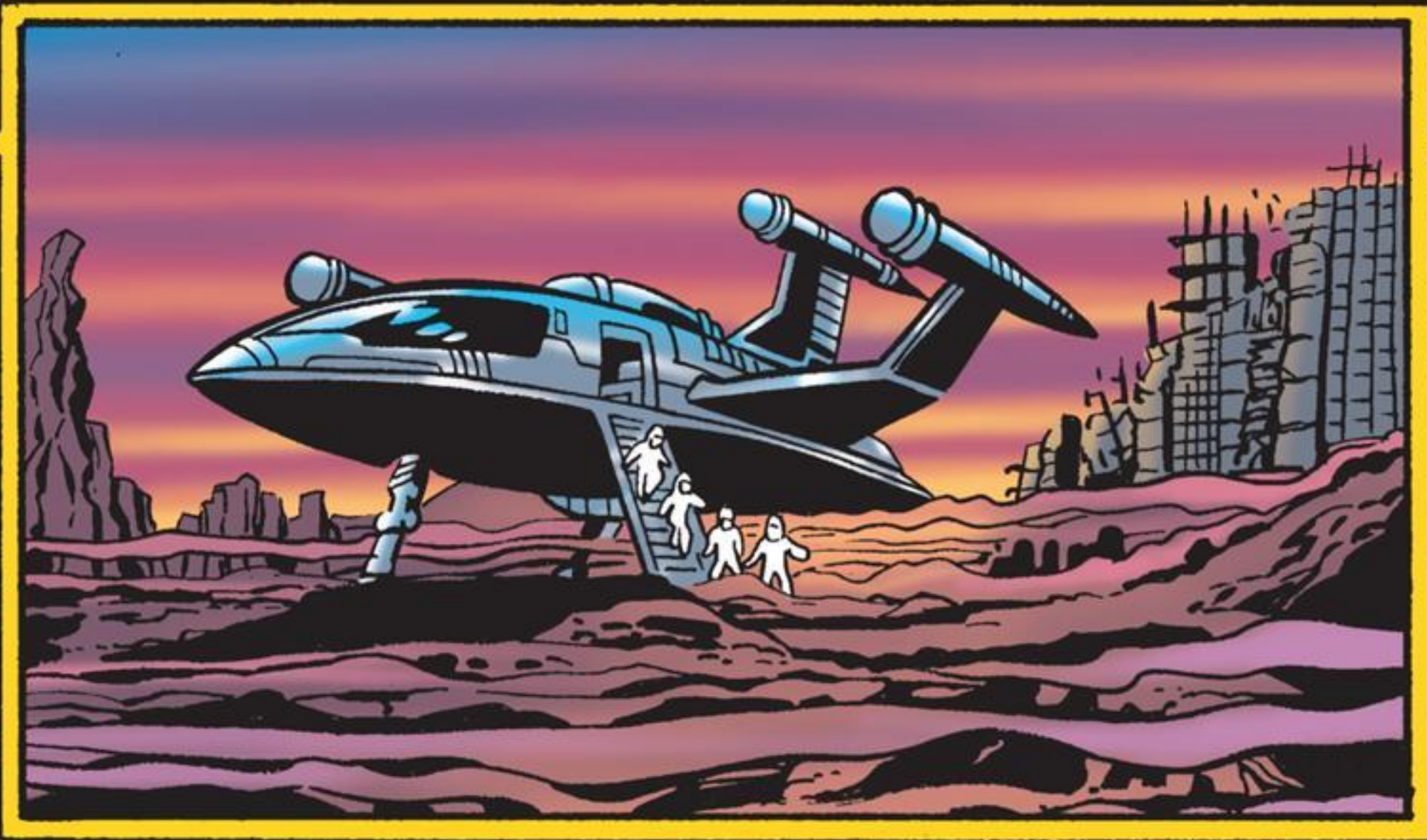
SHADES
OF
AURORA!

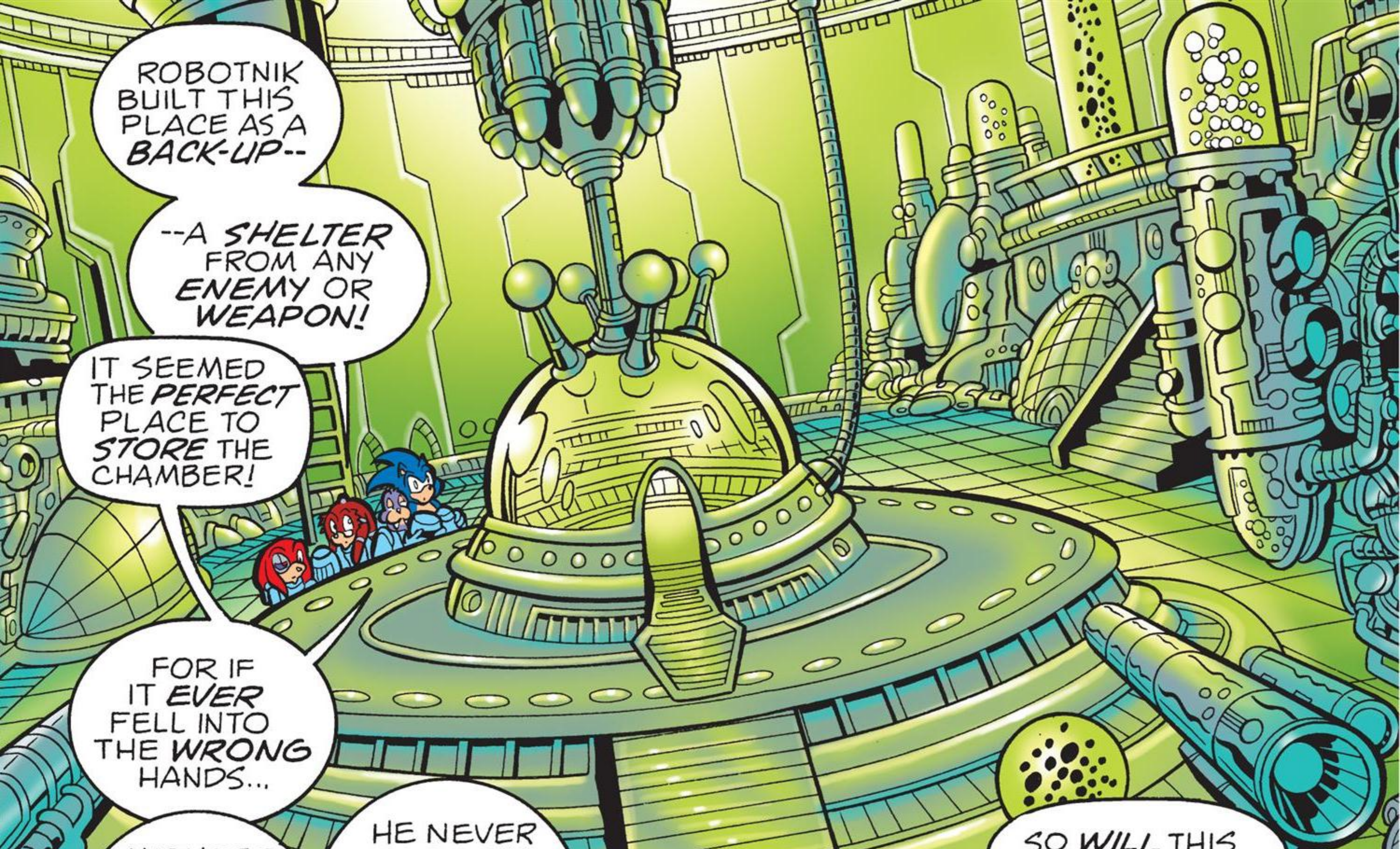
WE'RE IN THE
BADLANDS!

WHAT ON
MOBIUS ARE
WE DOING
HERE?!

"WHY, KNUCKLES, WHERE ELSE WOULD ONE STORE THE MOST DEADLY DEVICES KNOWN TO LIVING BEINGS--

--THAN IN THE MOST TOXIC, UNINHABITED WASTELAND ON ALL OF MOBIUS."





ROBOTNIK
BUILT THIS
PLACE AS A
BACK-UP--

--A *SHELTER*
FROM ANY
ENEMY OR
WEAPON!

IT SEEMED
THE *PERFECT*
PLACE TO
STORE THE
CHAMBER!

FOR IF
IT *EVER*
FELL INTO
THE *WRONG*
HANDS...

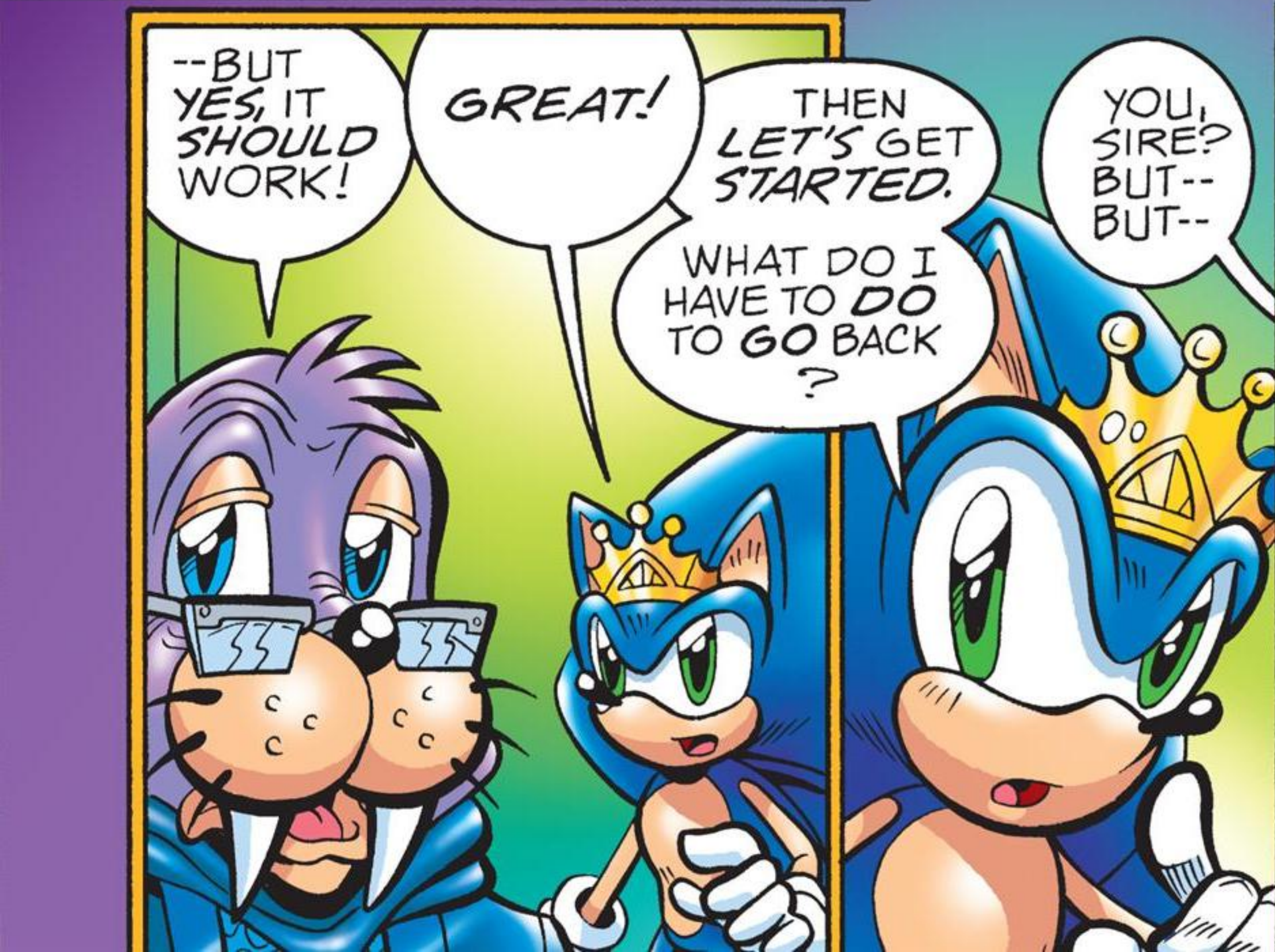
WONDER
WHY OL'
ROBO-BUTT
NEVER
USED IT IF
IT WAS *THAT*
POWERFUL!

HE NEVER
GOT THE
CHANCE! THE
KING *FOILED*
HIS PLANS
AT THE LAST
MOMENT!

SO WILL THIS
THING WORK?



I HAD BEEN DOING
SOME *PRELIMINARY*
RESEARCH WITH *OTHER*
OBJECTIVES IN MIND--



--BUT
YES, IT
SHOULD
WORK!

GREAT!

THEN
LET'S GET
STARTED.

WHAT DO I
HAVE TO *DO*
TO GO BACK
?

YOU,
SIRE?
BUT--
BUT--



--THINK OF THE
DOWNSIDE!

IN *THEORY*,
THE TACHYON
CHAMBER
SHOULD
SEND YOU
BACK IN
TIME!

IN
REALITY--

YEAH?



IT'S NEVER ACTUALLY BEEN TESTED!

WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO RETURN YOU TO THE PRESENT!

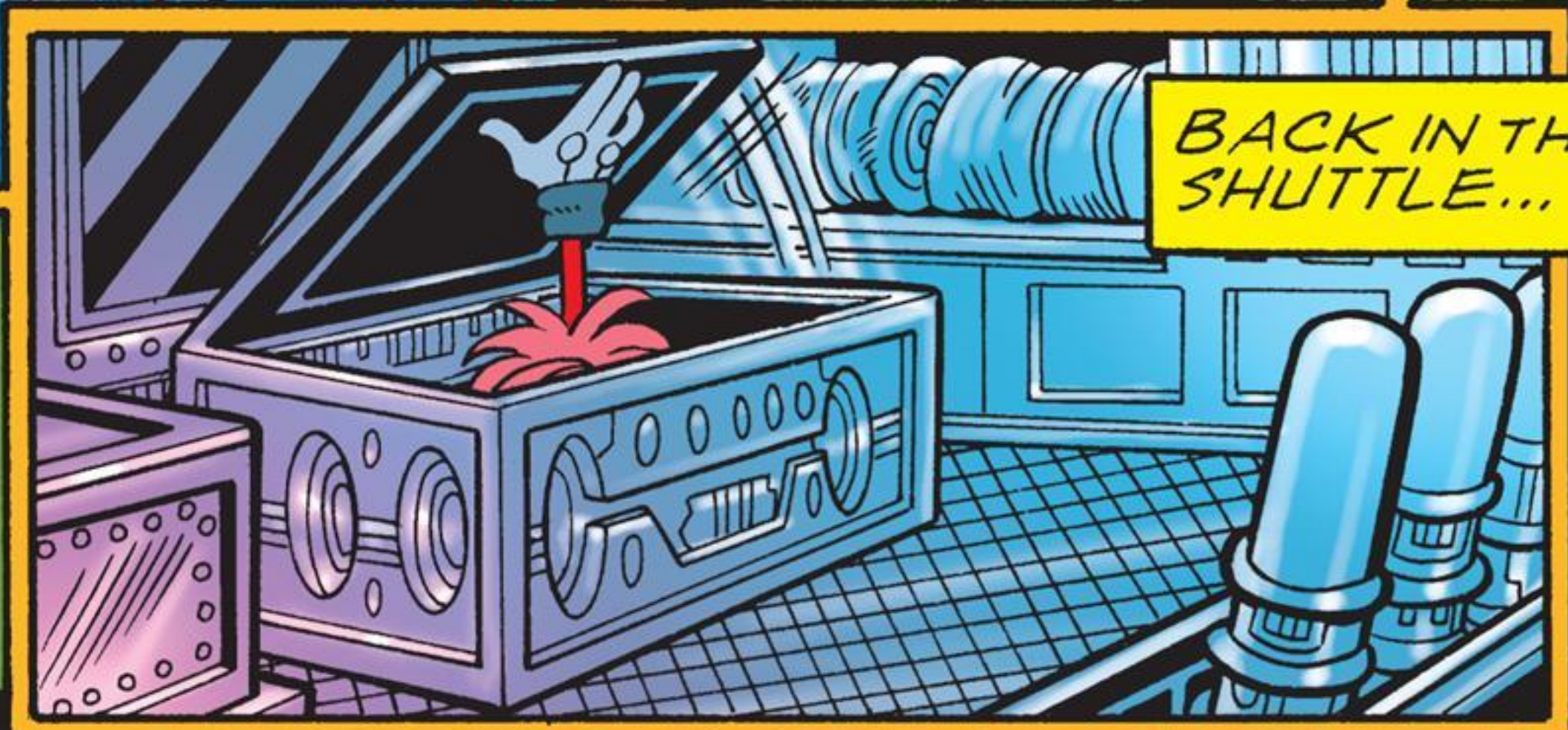
OR WORSE!



IF I DON'T DO THIS, IT COULD BE WORSE FOR EVERYONE ELSE!

SO I'M GOING!

END OF STORY!

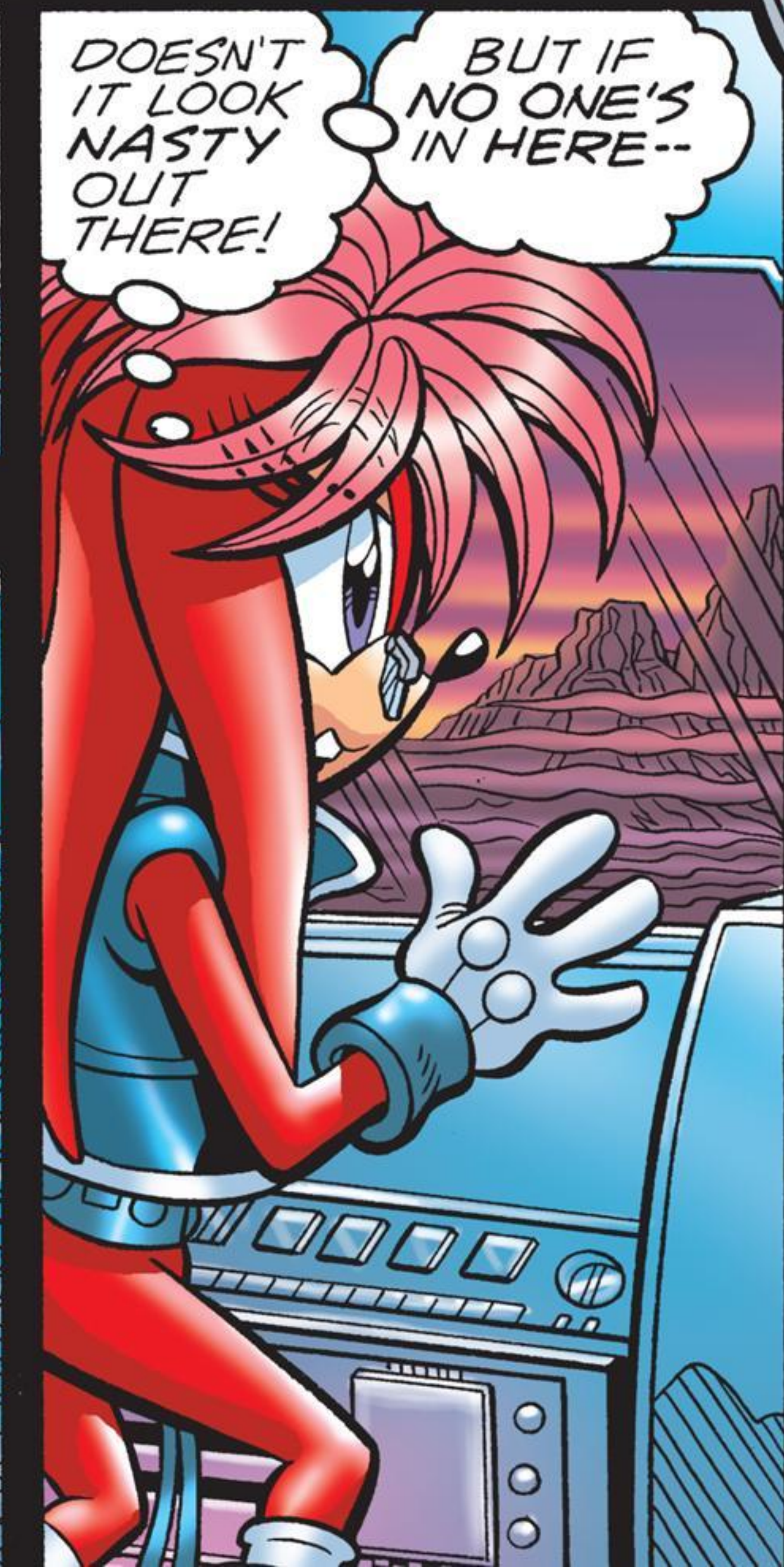


BACK IN THE SHUTTLE...



PRETTY QUIET AROUND HERE!

WONDER WHERE EVERYONE WENT?



DOESN'T IT LOOK NASTY OUT THERE!

BUT IF NO ONE'S IN HERE--

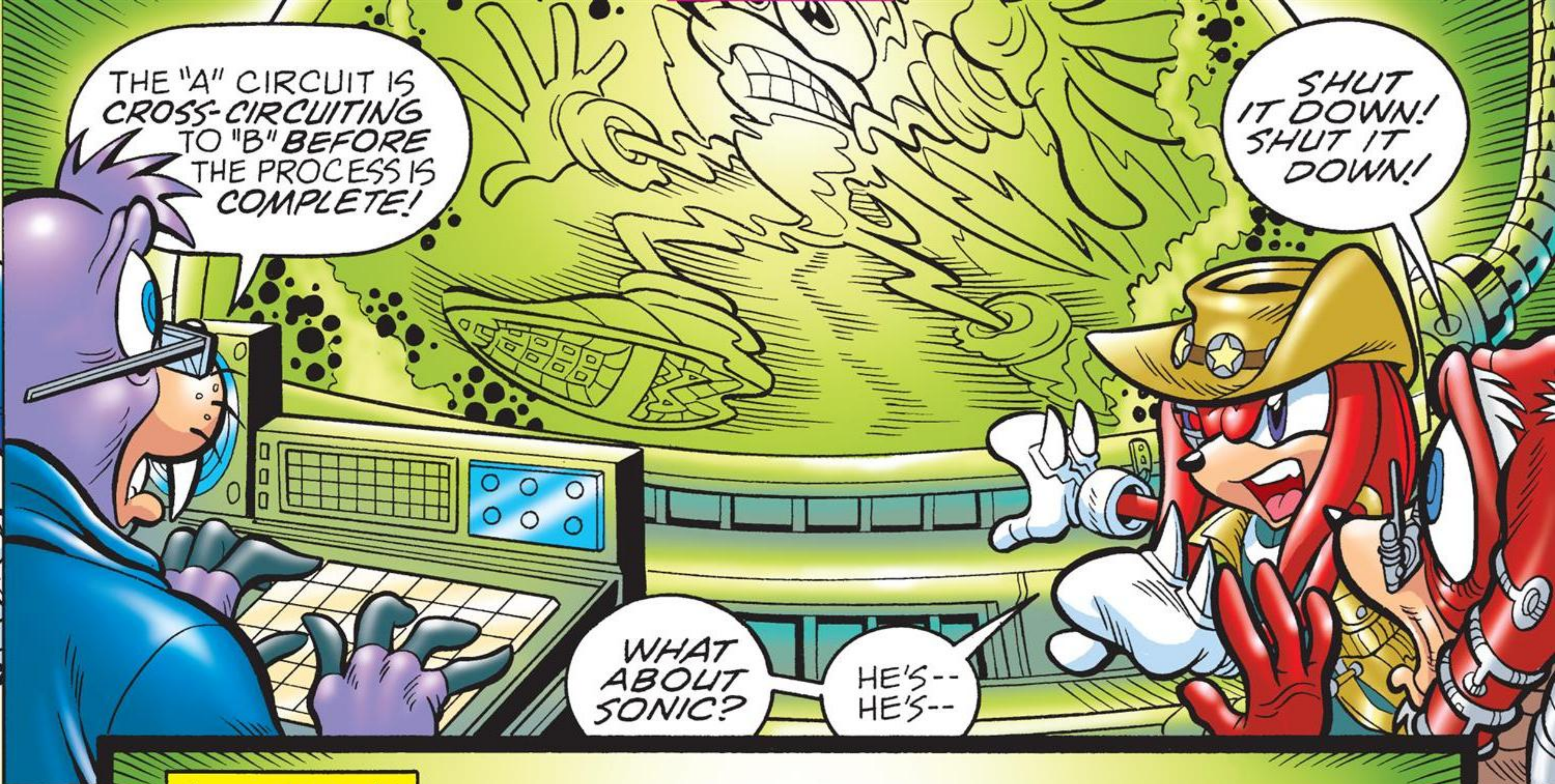


--HOW COULD THEY POSSIBLY BE OUT--

OHMYGOSH!

I'M VANISHING!

WHAT'S HAPPENING?!



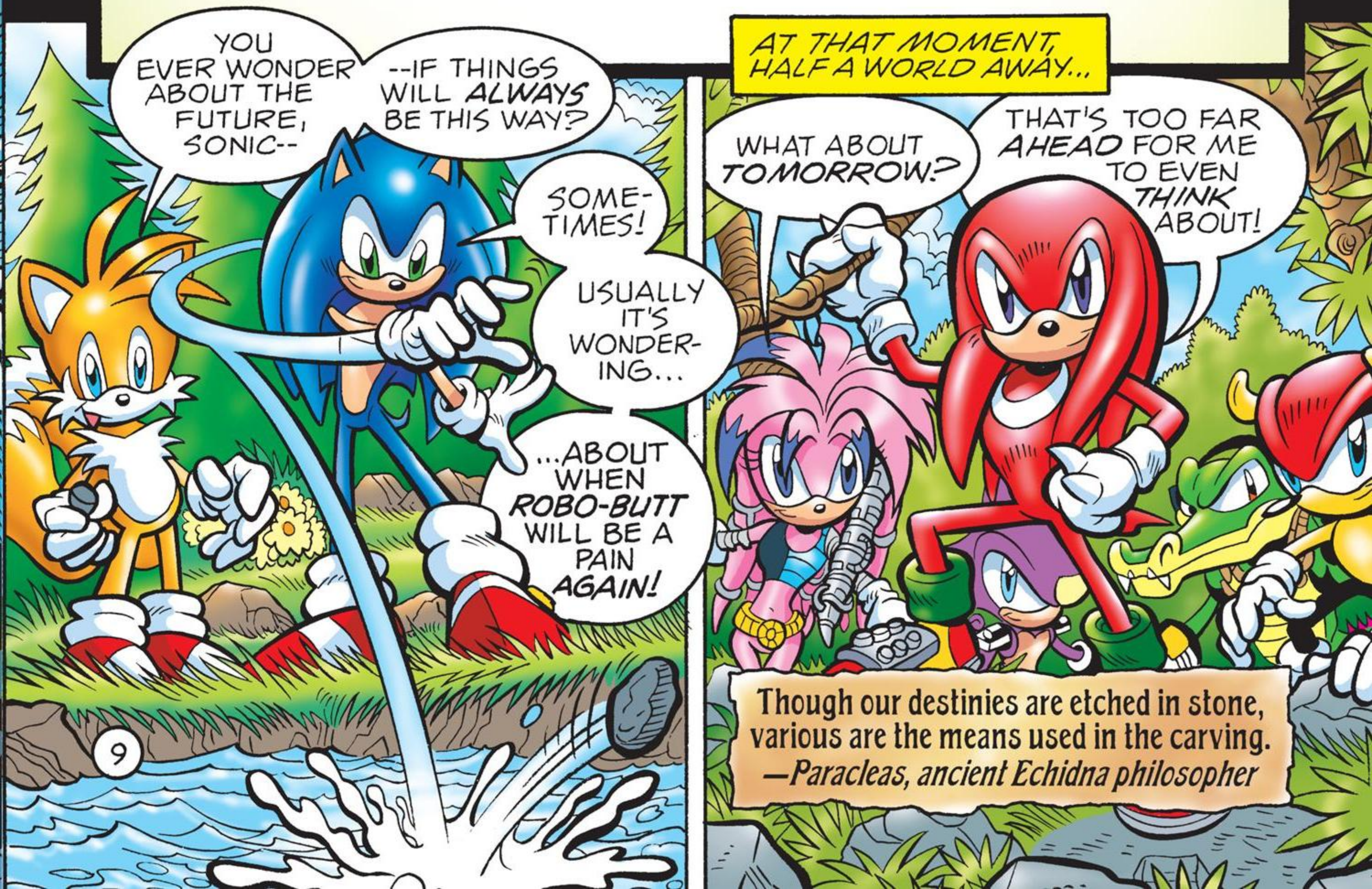
THE "A" CIRCUIT IS
CROSS-CIRCUITING
TO "B" BEFORE
THE PROCESS IS
COMPLETE!

SHUT
IT DOWN!
SHUT IT
DOWN!

WHAT
ABOUT
SONIC?

HE'S--
HE'S--

--GONE!"



YOU
EVER WONDER
ABOUT THE
FUTURE,
SONIC--

--IF THINGS
WILL ALWAYS
BE THIS WAY?

SOME-
TIMES!

USUALLY
IT'S WONDER-
ING...

...ABOUT
WHEN
ROBO-BUTT
WILL BE A
PAIN
AGAIN!

AT THAT MOMENT,
HALF A WORLD AWAY...

WHAT ABOUT
TOMORROW?

THAT'S TOO FAR
AHEAD FOR ME
TO EVEN
THINK
ABOUT!

Though our destinies are etched in stone,
various are the means used in the carving.
—Paracleas, ancient Echidna philosopher



AMY



MINA



BUNNIE



SALLY

HIS SWEETEST HONEY...?

SONGBIRD SEARCHING FOR LOVE?

LOST, CONFUSED & ALONE

MY PEOPLE, MY LOVE, MY LIFE...



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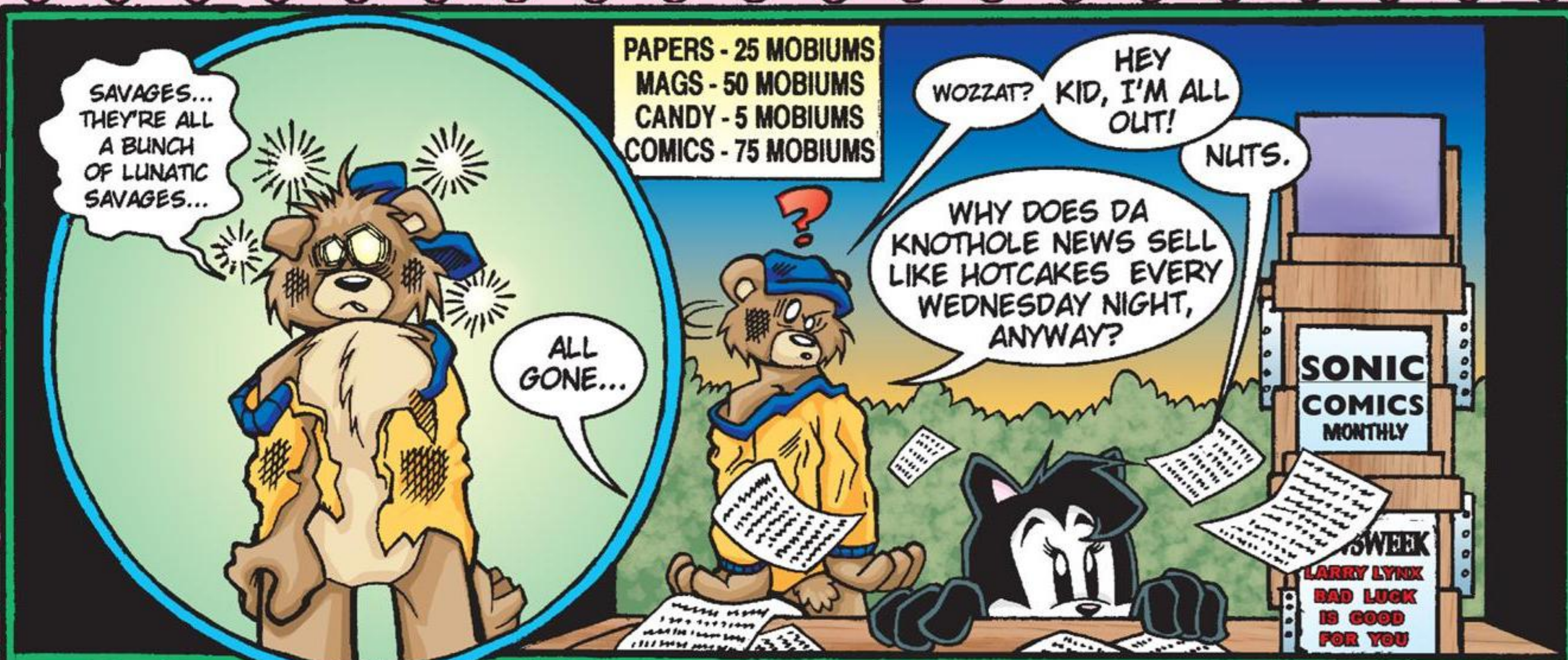
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LOVE AND LOSS



SAVAGES...
THEY'RE ALL
A BUNCH
OF LUNATIC
SAVAGES...

PAPERS - 25 MOBIUMS
MAGS - 50 MOBIUMS
CANDY - 5 MOBIUMS
COMICS - 75 MOBIUMS

WOZZAT? HEY
KID, I'M ALL
OUT!

NUTS.

WHY DOES DA
KNOTHOLE NEWS SELL
LIKE HOTCAKES EVERY
WEDNESDAY NIGHT,
ANYWAY?

ALL
GONE...

SONIC
COMICS
MONTHLY

THIS WEEK
LARRY LYNX
HAD LUCK
IS GOOD
FOR YOU



IT'S CUZ OF THE DEAR ALY "LOVE AND LOSS"
COLUMN! IT COMES OUT EVERY WEDNESDAY
AN' ALL US WOMEN IN KNOTHOLE READ IT,
SILLY. EVEN MIZ ROSIE PICKS
IT UP!

THE
KNOTHOLE NEWS
WE BRING THE NUTS TO YOU!
LOVE
AND
LOSS
MONKEY KHAN LOVE
SCANDAL! — I NEVER
EVEN MET ANY GREEN
GIBBON. Story on Page 6

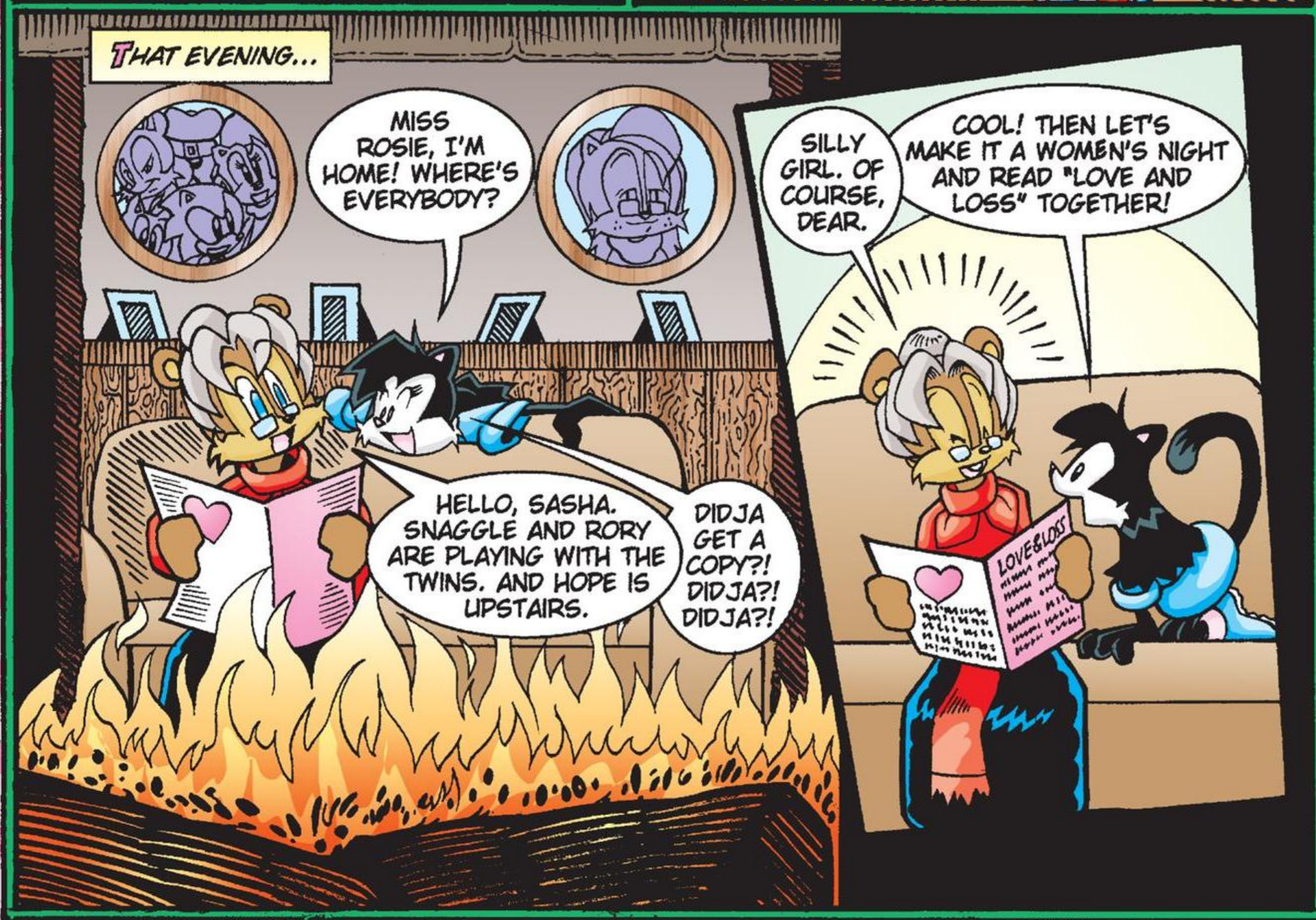


YEAH,
A'
COURSE.

BYE,
MISTER!

BYE.

CALL ME
SILLY. I AIN'T
SILLY...



THAT EVENING...

MISS
ROSIE, I'M
HOME! WHERE'S
EVERYBODY?

HELLO, SASHA.
SNAGGLE AND RORY
ARE PLAYING WITH THE
TWINS. AND HOPE IS
UPSTAIRS.

DIDJA
GET A
COPY?!
DIDJA?!
DIDJA?!

SILLY
GIRL. OF
COURSE,
DEAR.

COOL! THEN LET'S
MAKE IT A WOMEN'S NIGHT
AND READ "LOVE AND
LOSS" TOGETHER!

LOVE&LOSS
MONKEY KHAN LOVE
SCANDAL! — I NEVER
EVEN MET ANY GREEN
GIBBON. Story on Page 6



Dear Aly,
I am deeply in love with this guy and he loves me, too... at least I thought he did. We had been together for a while, and were happy. Then some time ago, something changed between us.



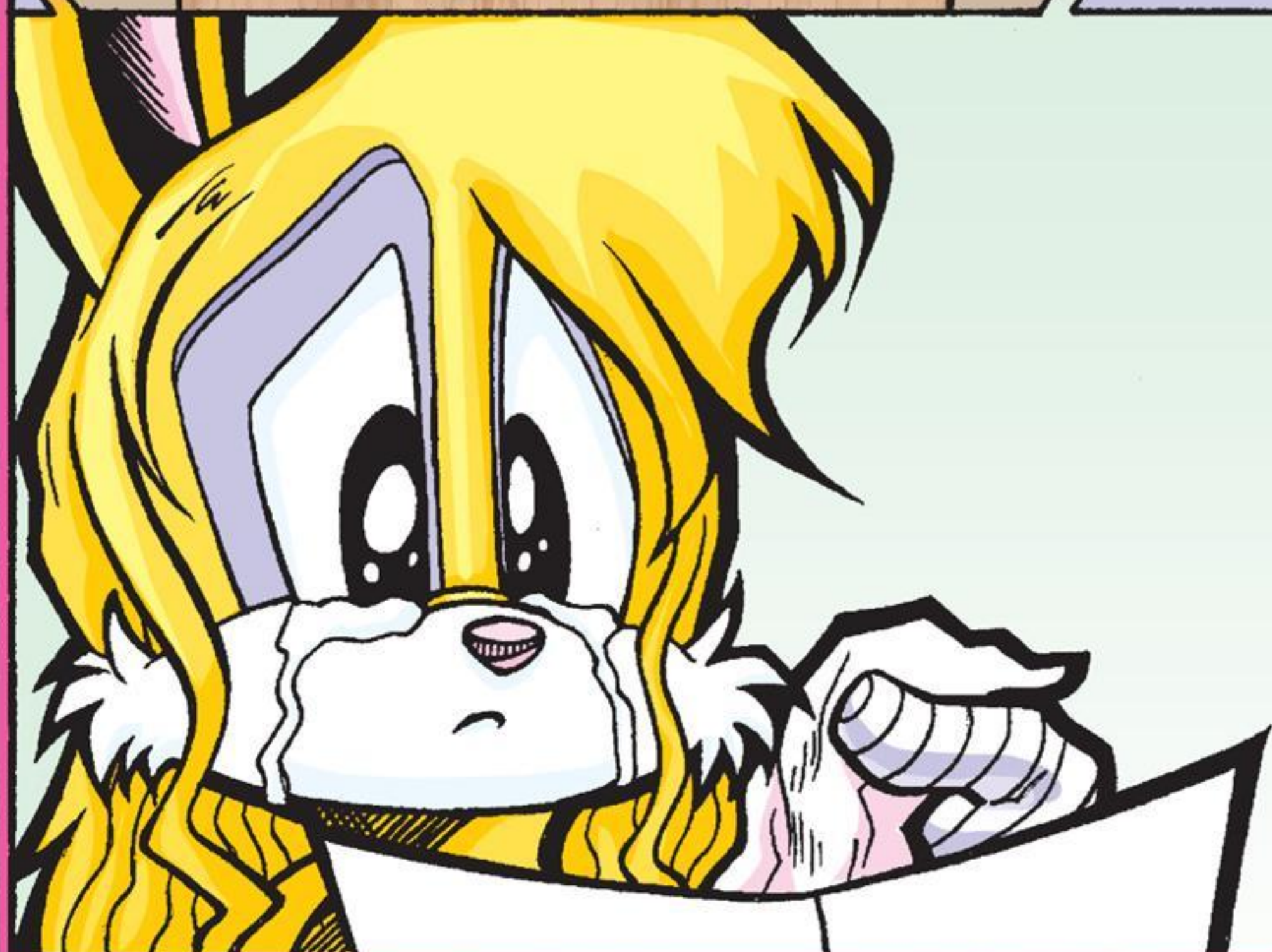
I'd like to think that it was just him, but I changed too. Every time we saw each other--

--we'd avoid each other like the plague and sometimes things between us would get verbally nasty.



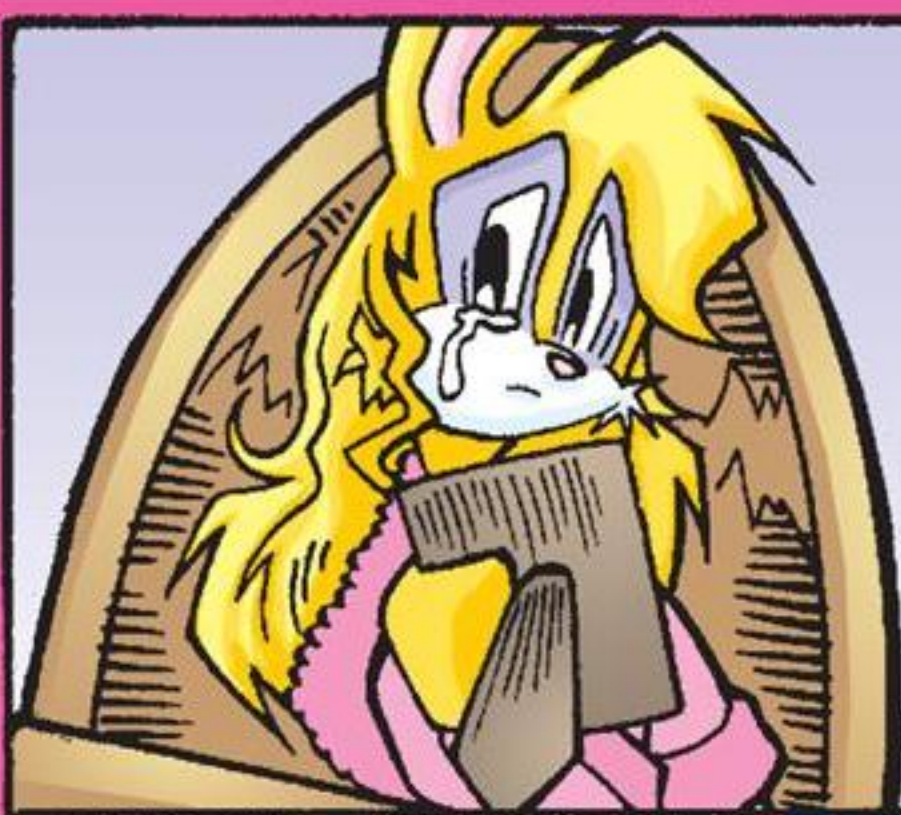
I thought I hated him. But then he left and now I find that I miss him. I want it to be the way it was, but it can't.

A lot of times, when I'm alone, I find myself thinking about him.

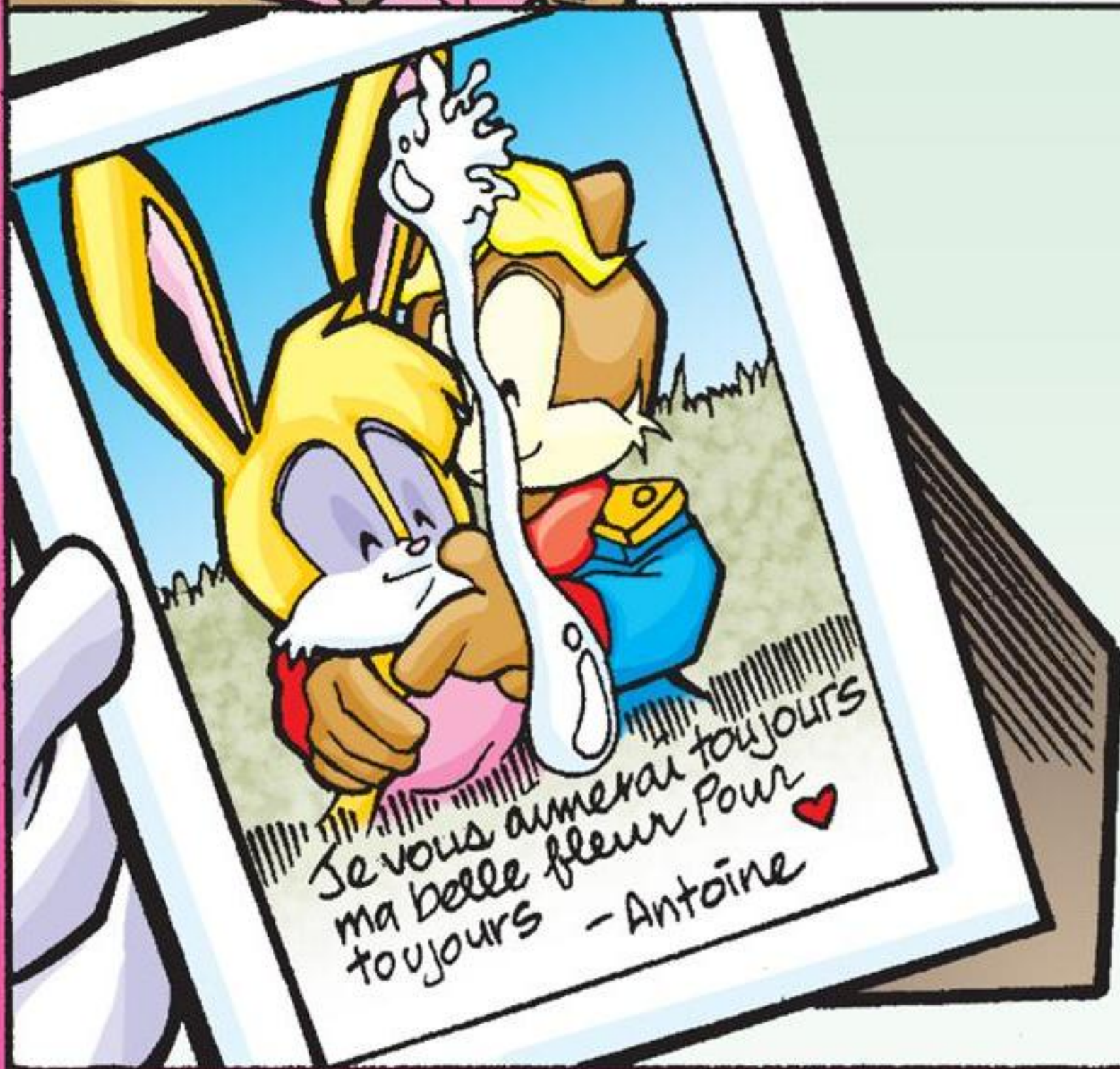


I miss his company, his funny way of talking. I miss sitting with him under the stars and knowing who loved me regardless of my appearance. I feel like my whole world has fallen apart. Aly, what can I do?

Feeling Terribly Alone



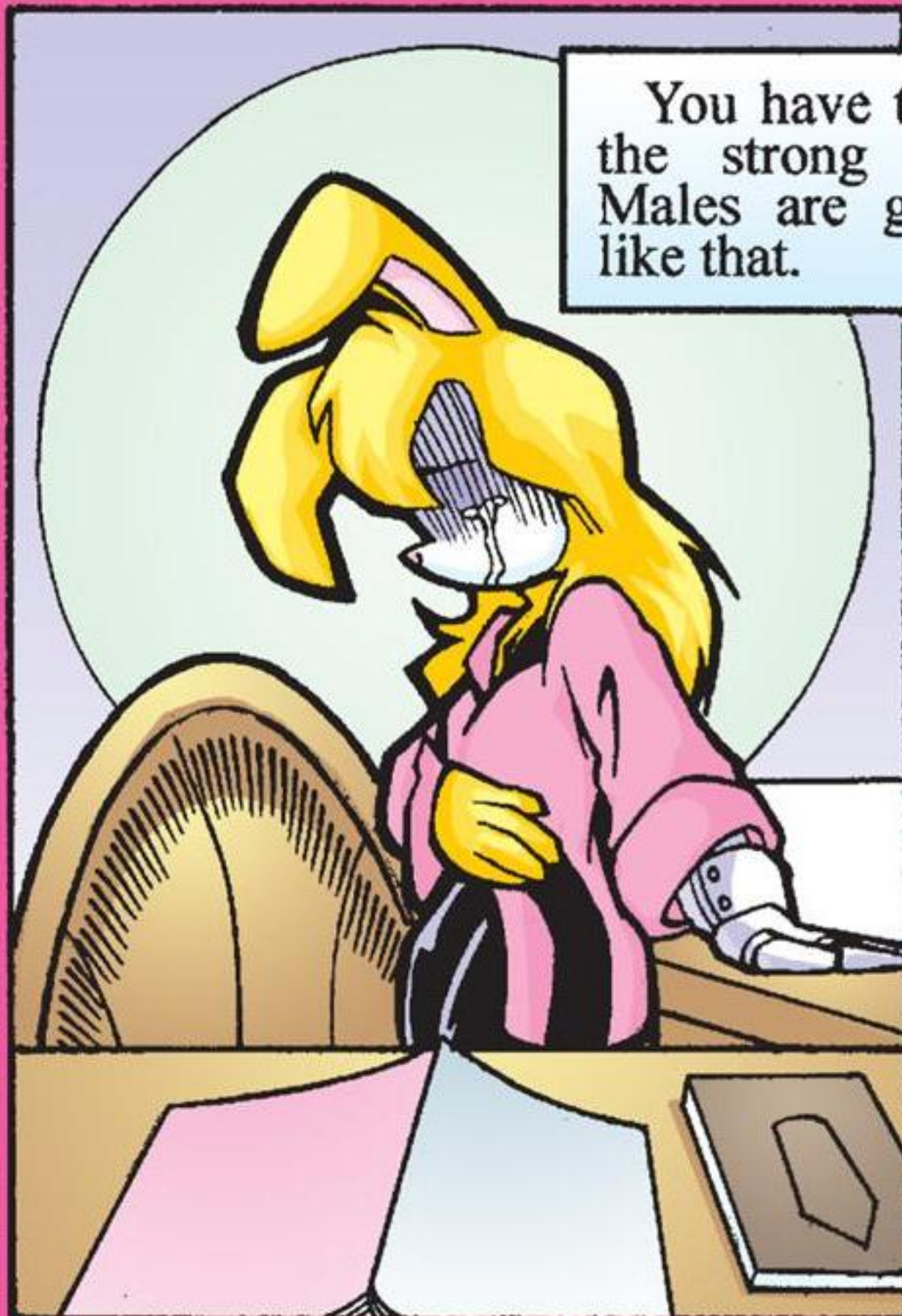
Dear Terribly Alone,
I'm sorry to hear of your troubles. It sounds to me like you don't know whether you're coming or going with this guy. Sometimes, bad things happen which make even the best of us forget what we once had. Perhaps this is the case with your ex...



You should go back to square one and win each other's trust. You two stopped communicating. With that said, do the opposite: TALK! You need to go find him and tell him exactly how you feel.

In this case, take a militaristic approach. Be straight and up front. If he tries to push you back, be covert, not sneaky. Always wondering what could have been is far worse than any embarrassment from a rejection.

To expect a male to come to you to talk about their feelings is not real life, ladies.



You have to be the strong one. Males are goofy like that.



You never know what's bothering someone unless they decide to open up.

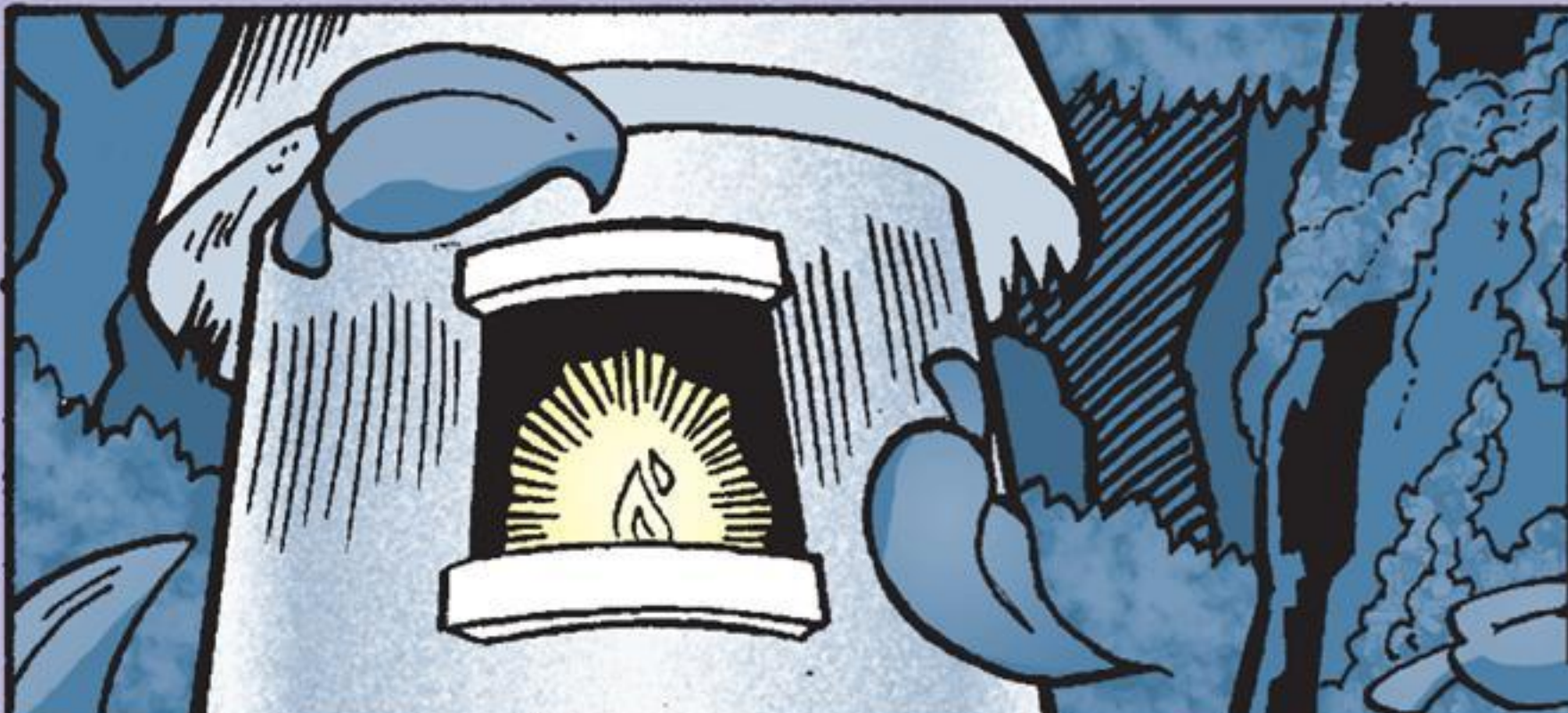


Sometimes it takes a long time for scars to heal.

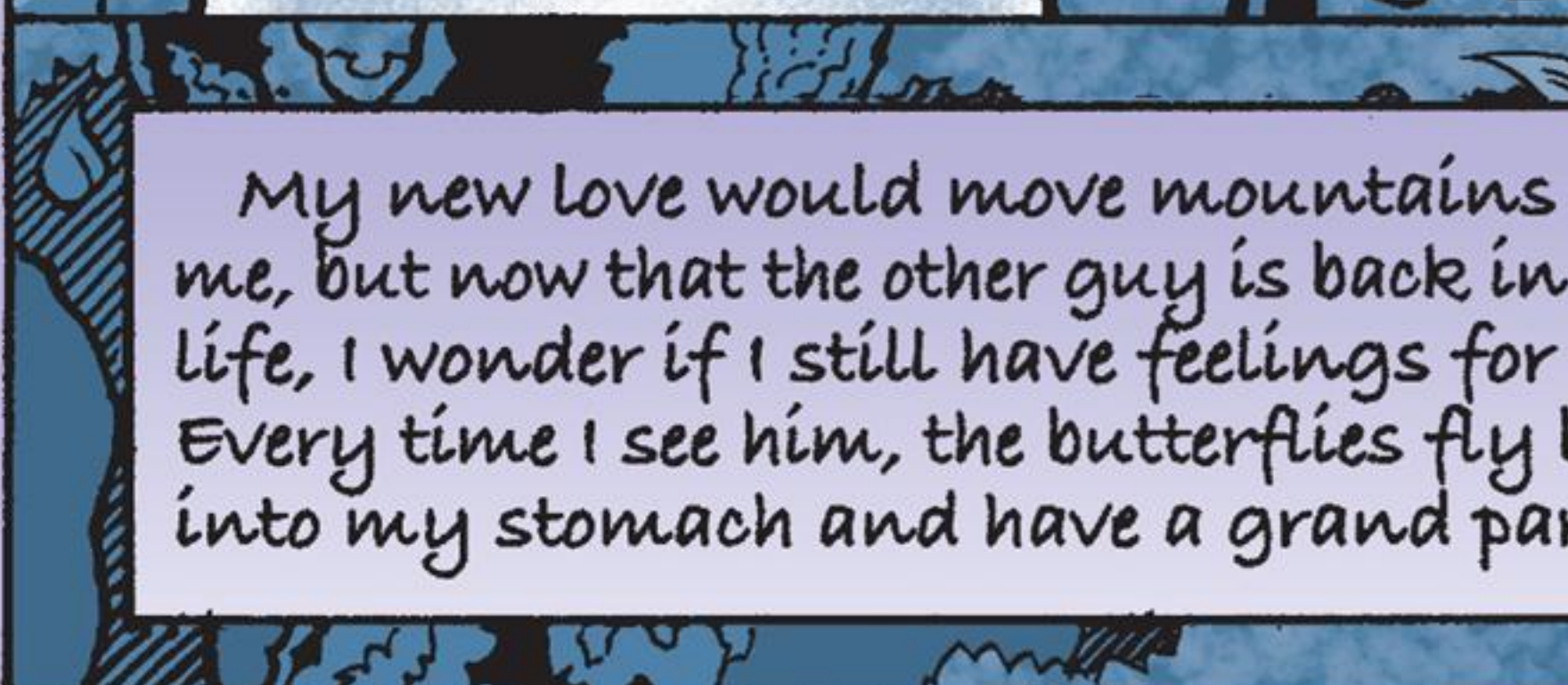
Be strong, Aly



Dear Aly,
There is this guy I love who is in love with someone else. I tried to get him to notice me and I thought it worked, but then he admitted his love for this other person and she did the same back.

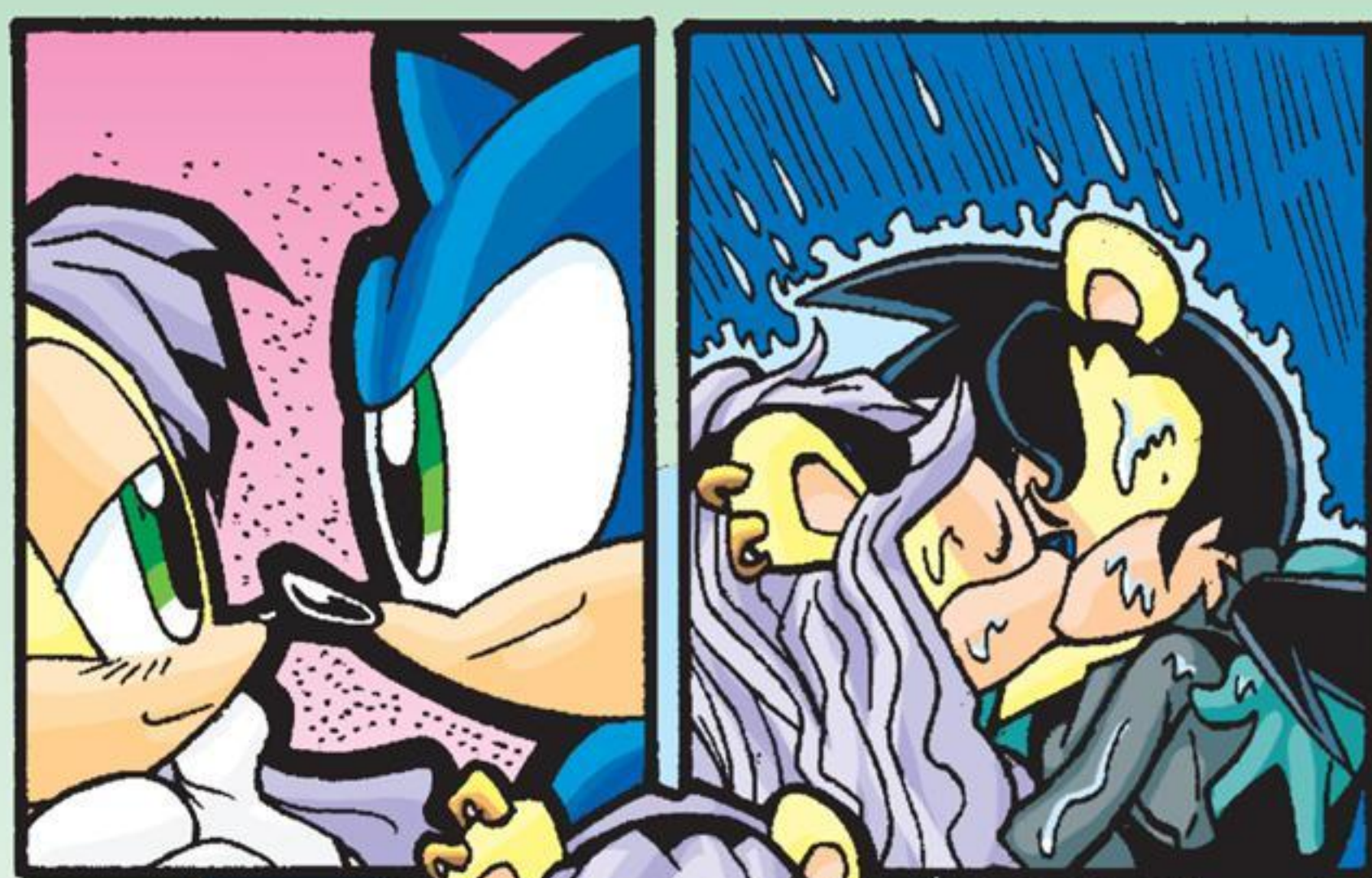
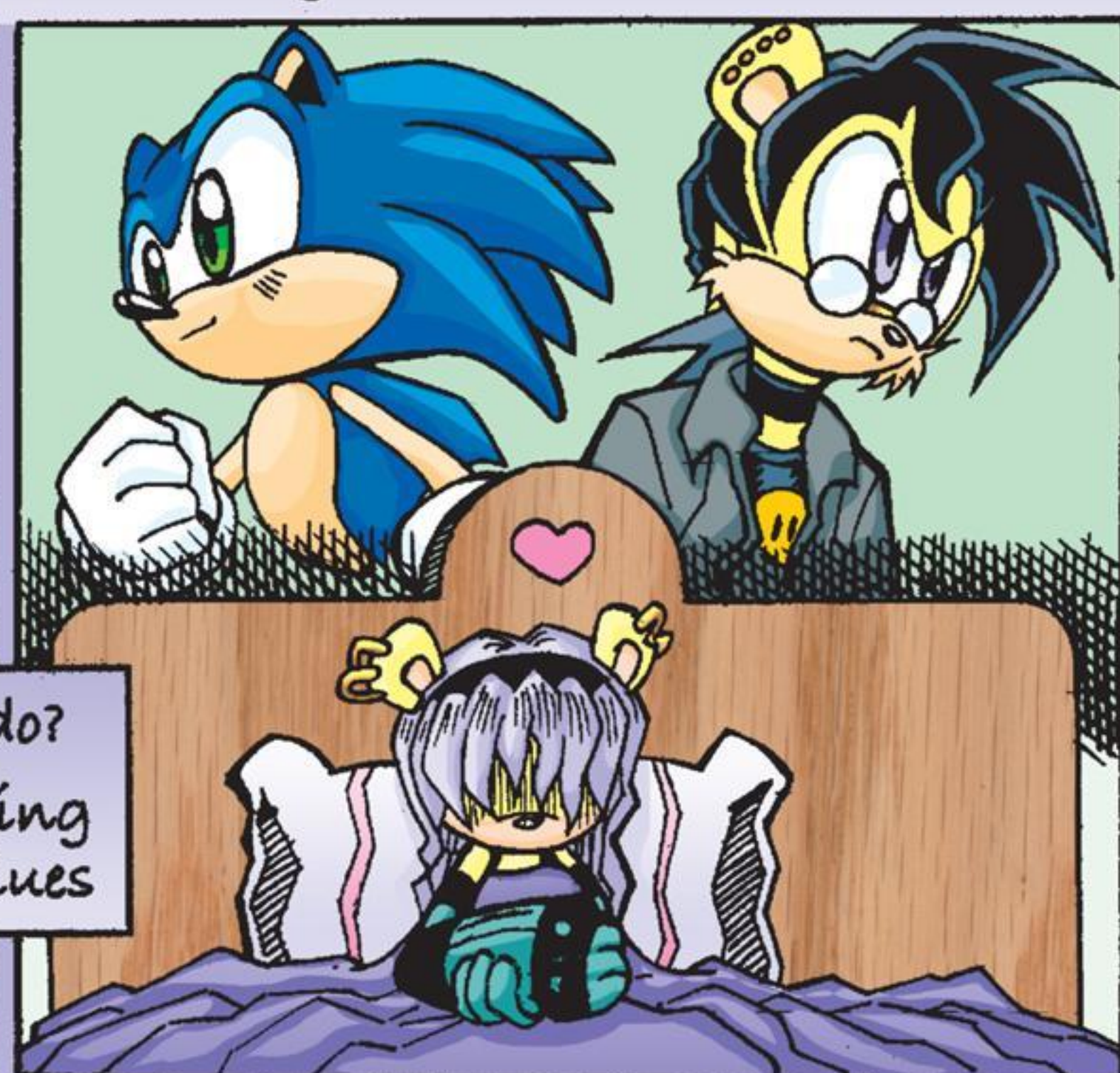
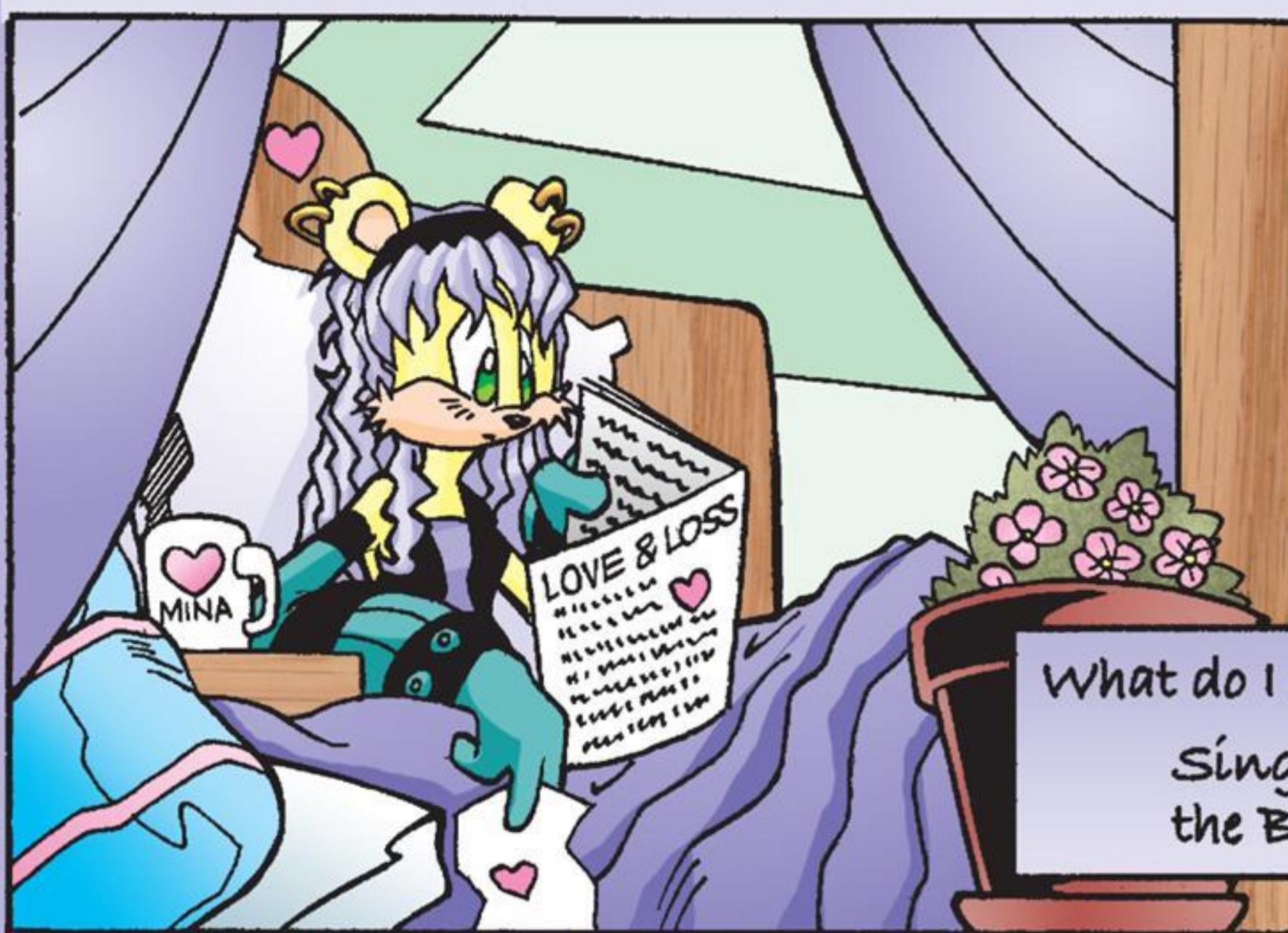


I saw the whole thing and it broke my heart. So I decided to get over him and move on with my life. I have a new boyfriend, and I really like him, but I don't think I'm in love with him, if you know what I mean.



My new love would move mountains for me, but now that the other guy is back in my life, I wonder if I still have feelings for him. Every time I see him, the butterflies fly back into my stomach and have a grand party.

Now I found out this guy broke up with his girl. My mind wants me to break it off with my boyfriend to try and be with the other guy, but my heart tells me that's not right. I don't think I should ruin what I have now for something that may never be mine.



Dear Singing the Blues,
On the stage of life you can never tell what role others will play in your story. Be fair and honest with yourself and those that come into your life. Otherwise, unless you start treating them with the same respect and honesty you expect, you may end up singing solo.

Look at what you have now, compare it with what you had then, and take note. It's easy to confuse true love for true friendship...





True love cannot be forced on anyone. It must be developed, nurtured and given all your attention. Your important relationships should always have the spotlight in your life. If your attention is elsewhere, what you have now may get lost in the dark.

Do not let this old crush slow down the tempo of your new relationship. A few sour notes do not ruin the show. Give your new love a chance to grow and don't be so quick to close your doors to him. Even the best duets have to practice.

Aly



TALK TO ME.

ASH? I DIDN'T WAKE YOU, DID I?

MINA? NAW, I WAS JUST DOZING OFF. IT'S COOL. 'SUP?

I KNOW I USUALLY LIKE TO GO OUT, BUT I WANTED TO SEE YOU. IS THAT OK?

YEAH. SURE. IS ANYTHING WRONG?

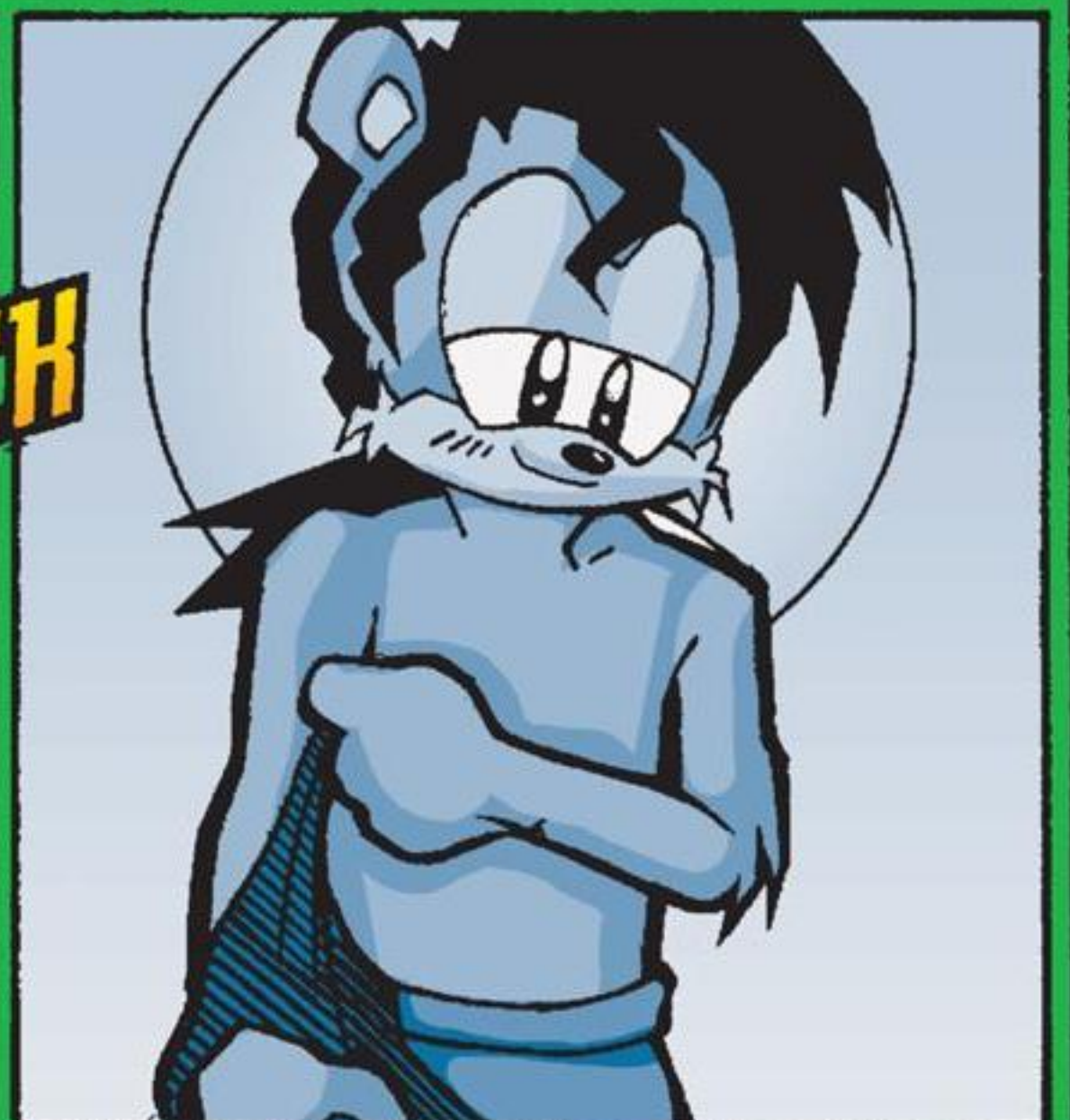
NO. I JUST WANTED TO SEE YOU. TO TALK.

I... I'D LIKE THAT. HOW'S GREEN HILL FOUNTAIN? MIDNIGHT?

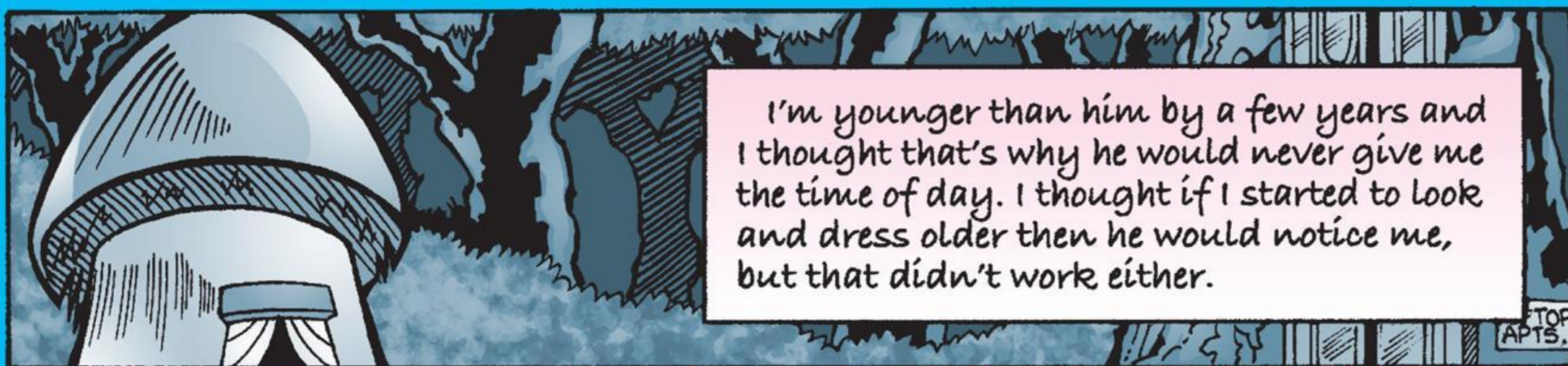
COOL. IT'S A DATE. WEAR SOMETHING NICE. SEE YOU, ASH.

LATER, SONG-BIRD...

CLICK



Dear Aly,
I have no love life. I've had a silly crush on this guy and thought that it was love.

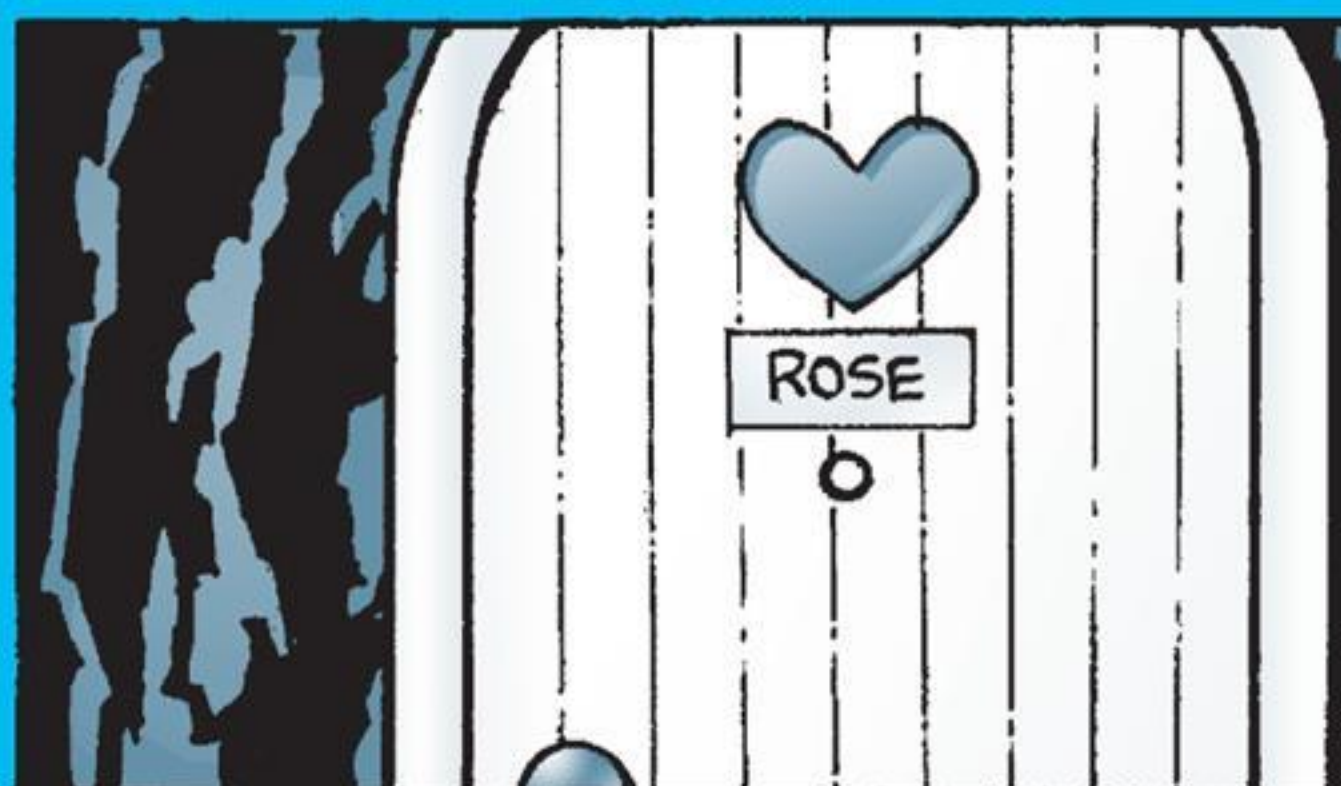


I'm younger than him by a few years and I thought that's why he would never give me the time of day. I thought if I started to look and dress older then he would notice me, but that didn't work either.

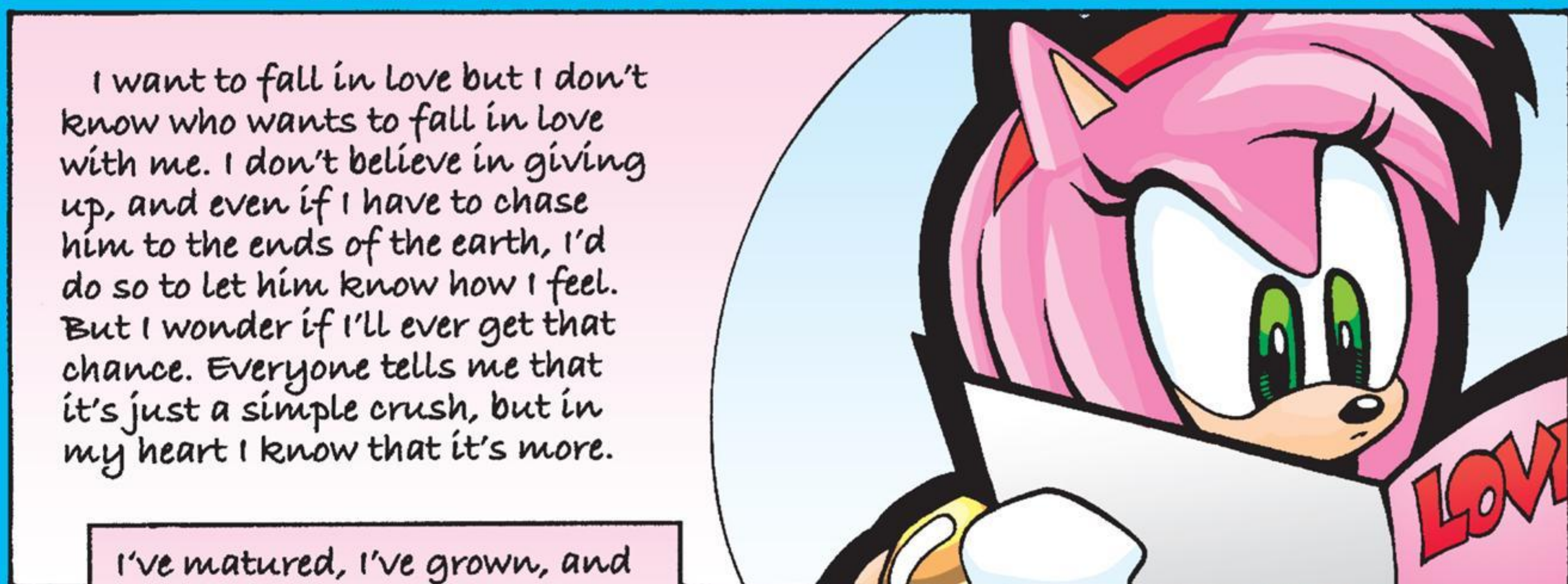
TOP
APTS.



I still have a crush on him and deep down I still feel that if I were given a chance, I could be the one he needs. But I'm always ignored.



People always say that it would never work out between us. That we're too different and that I'm not mature enough. That I still have "growing to do." But I look around, and I realize that I don't like anybody else. And if we were given the chance, we could grow to love each other...

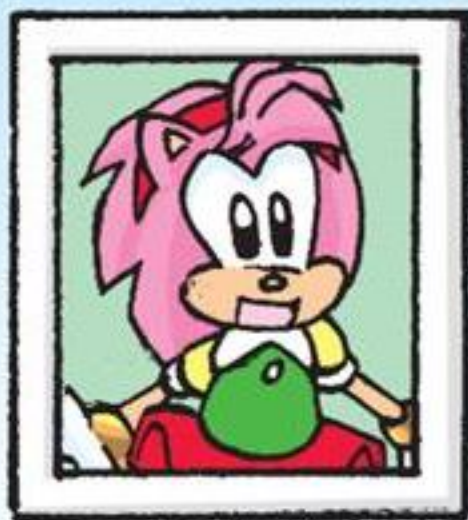


I want to fall in love but I don't know who wants to fall in love with me. I don't believe in giving up, and even if I have to chase him to the ends of the earth, I'd do so to let him know how I feel. But I wonder if I'll ever get that chance. Everyone tells me that it's just a simple crush, but in my heart I know that it's more.

I've matured, I've grown, and I'm not the same person that I used to be. But how do I let him know? I'm stuck in the middle.

Wishing for Love





Dear Wishing for Love,

From the sound of it, you are still young and in the prime of your life. Why rush it? You never want to rush love. No matter how stuck you feel, it happens at its own pace. When people go wishing for love, sometimes they end up finding it in the wrong places--



--I am sure you are rolling your eyes as you read this but please do not try to grow up too quickly. Try not to be so set on a silly crush, and when the right person comes along you will be ready.



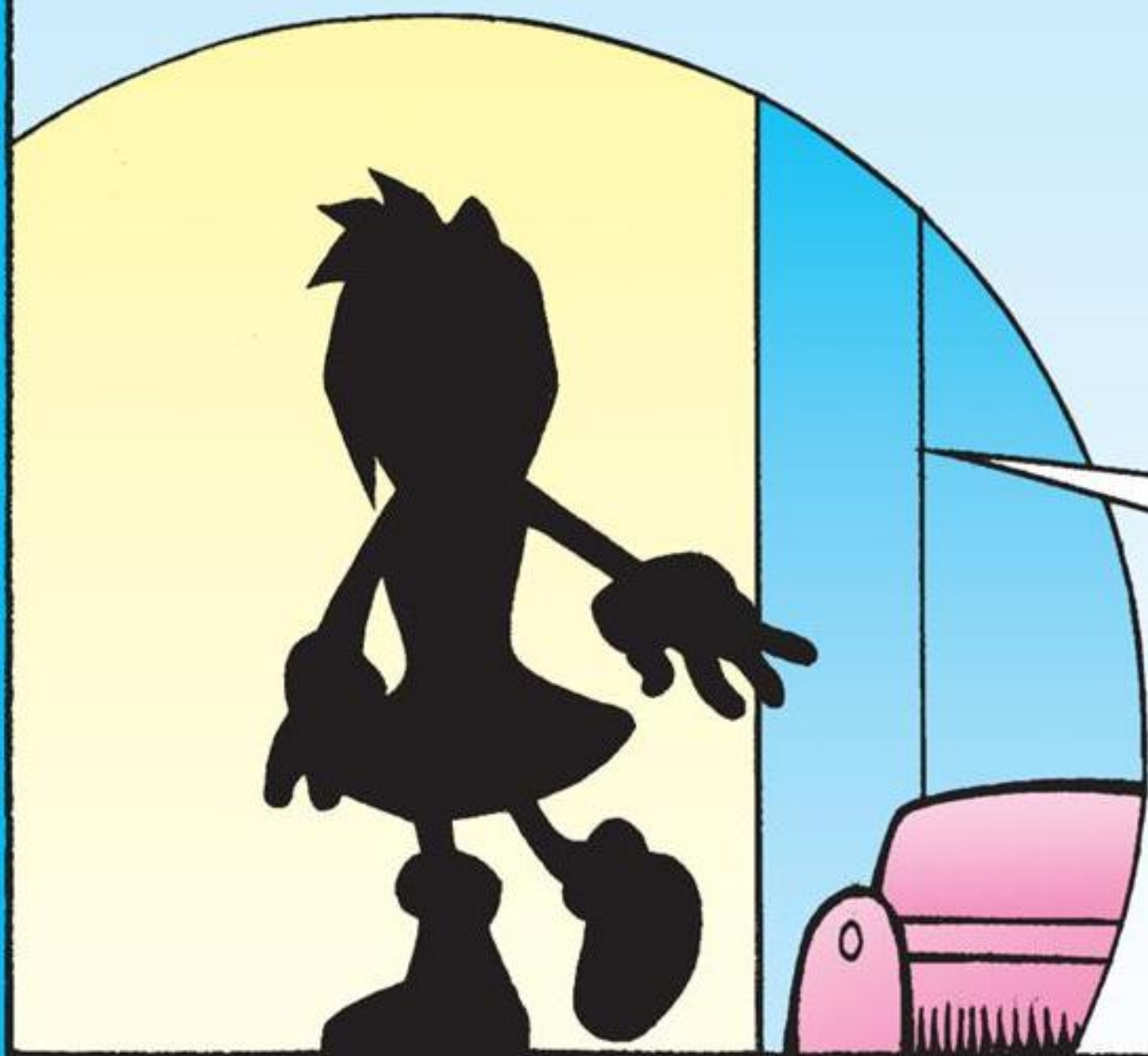
Sometimes the person who is destined to be with you for the rest of your days is someone you will meet next week, or someone you have known for years. Or somewhere in the middle.

So, what I am trying to tell you is that being in the middle is a good place to be. You can learn from your past and look forward to your future.



You may not realize it now, but you are not stuck in the middle. You are coming up to the beginning of new things. And when you realize this you will be tickled pink. That's the moment when you will know and remember what I write here today.

Signed,
Aly



WHAT-
EVER, SISTER.
GO BUY A
CLUE.





Dear Aly,

My life is a royal mess. After years of wondering if he cared about me that way or not, going back and forth between emotions, and finally getting my parents' approval to boot, I finally get this guy to share how he feels about me and make a commitment to some day be my husband.



But he's so brash and reckless. He worries me. He constantly puts himself in danger. I lost him once, and that literally tore my soul apart. I never healed from that and I know, I JUST KNOW that if anything were to happen to him again I couldn't bear it. I was at my breaking point. I didn't know what to do. So I asked him to be with me. He would have to walk away from his... job.



I gave him an ultimatum; it was either me or his job. He wouldn't choose so I chose for him. I walked. I know he's got an important job. I know he's got people that need, rely and believe in him. But so do I and I could have gotten him an even better job in my families'... business. Am I being too selfish, or is he?

Royally Scared



Dear Royally Scared,
I'm sorry to say that I feel I do not have the answers to this one. You both have good points and are valid to make the stands you have both chosen for yourselves.

The most important thing is to act like adults and talk things over. Honestly, the dramatic confrontation you described might not have been fair to him. And you may have put undo pressure on the relationship. Sometimes we get so burdened by the pressures and responsibilities of everyday life that we forget how to live and have fun. Has he forgotten, or have you?

Being a strong woman doesn't mean you have to be an overbearing one. Some time apart reevaluating your life might help you both settle down. This does not mean the relationship is done but we can never tell what the future holds... Good luck. You'll need it.

Signed,
Aly

IT'S
PRINCESS SALLY'S
LETTER...



So until next week, keep a stiff upper lip, ladies, and remember, it's better to have "Love and Lost," than to have never loved at all.

